

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE TOWN OF ENFIELD

The beginning of Enfield was in the year 1679. The territory now included in the town was heavily wooded, and the great trees had grown everywhere for unknown ages; and this was the reason why Enfield was settled so many years after the towns south and north of it; for the meadows bordering on the great river furnished pasturage in the summer and hay in the winter for the cattle and horses, and the first settlers of Enfield were compelled to level the forests before they could plough the land and raise the crops for the maintenance of their families and their cattle. But they were sturdy men, almost exclusively of English blood, and nothing daunted them, as the later history of the town, in war and peace, amply proved, and the

some of his descendants. The late Governor Pease of Texas was a descendant of his. His son, John Pease, Jr., came with his father from Salem, Mass., and was a civil engineer and laid out Enfield street, so much admired by everyone, and the farms on both sides of it, which were soon occupied by the early settlers, as they were set out to them by the original proprietors.

The original proprietors were Major (sometimes called Worshipful) John Pynchon, Samuel Marshall, Thomas Stebbins, Sr., Jonathan Burt, and Benjamin Parsons. John Pynchon was the leader and promoter of the settlement not only of Enfield, but of Suffield and other towns near Springfield, and was a prominent and able man. None of

ENFIELD THOMPSONVILLE CONNECTICUT AND THE CARPET INDUSTRY

Thompsonville with its great carpet industry has nearly three-fourths of the population of the town.

Enfield street, the thoroughfare beautiful, was part of the old Boston and New York turnpike. Amid its sheltering elms and green lawns are the homes and descendants of the town's first settlers.

Hazardville and Scitico, noted for its powder mills, has lumber, shoddy and leather-board mills, while extensive tobacco plantations and farm lands comprise a large part of this prosperous and delightful village.

The Shaker settlement, situated north of Hazardville, was formerly a flourishing community of the town. About a score of members now remain and they control practically the same buildings and land, comprising more than 2,000 acres.

Wallop and Jabbok are hamlets of the town devoted to farming.

state of Massachusetts for many years after the first settlement. This was occasioned by the error made by the surveyors, Woodward & Saffrey, in fixing the 42nd degree of north latitude, they having been sent from Boston in a shallow by sea and up Connecticut river to fix the boundary between the two states, and they stopped at what is now Warehouse Point and set up a monument there. And so it came about that Enfield was under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts until 1749, when the correct line was established and Enfield became a part of Connecticut.

claimed ownership of the land, conveyed a large part of what was included in the above boundaries to the settlers of Enfield, for twenty-five pounds sterling, on the 16th day of March, 1688, but he reserved, however, the right to hunt in the forests and on the common lands, and fish in the rivers, which was nearly all the right he ever had in the land.

The first church built in Enfield was erected in 1684 near the Old Cemetery on Enfield street, and was a small building. The second church was erected in 1706 in Enfield street

whose noble and patriotic zeal has animated them with such wisdom and firmness to oppose the torrent of oppression rolling like a flood upon us." In view of what happened soon afterwards it would seem that our forefathers, when they spoke of their "filial duty and affection" to Lord George 3rd, were a bit hypocritical, for the men of those days in Enfield were all but unanimous in their desire to separate from the mother country, and showed by their votes in town meeting all through the Revolutionary war that they were ardent friends of the Union, and they

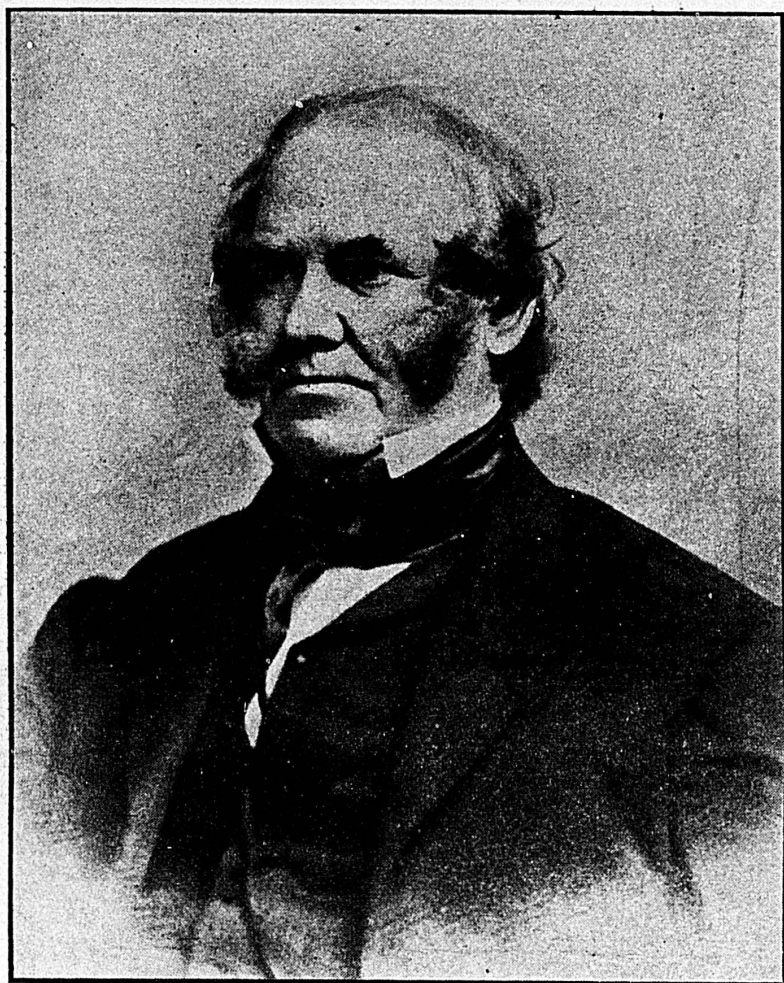
The Hartford Carpet Company and Thompsonville are so closely identified in their early history that the story of one is practically the story of the other. Both had their inception in the mind of Orrin Thompson, founder of the company and of the town. Born in Suffield in 1788, his great enterprise and ambition soon took him into mercantile life in Hartford, which was followed by a successful business career in New York as a carpet dealer.

His experience there led Mr. Thompson to believe that there was no need of importing all the best carpets from Europe and he set about the formation of a company to manufacture them here. At this time the manufacture of carpets was practically unknown in the United States.

manufacture the yarn ready for weaving in Scotland and as the duty on yarns was very low it would cost little for custom duties and only the weaving would have to be paid for at American prices. Before the machinery was started, however, this was found to be impracticable owing to the great distance between the two branches of the industry and the plan was abandoned.

It is a somewhat peculiar fact that the name of the man who was the originator and dominant spirit of the enterprise, Orrin Thompson, does not appear in the list of officers, but that was not unlike him.

As a site for the new enterprise and the new village it was bound to bring into existence Mr. Thompson chose this northwest corner of En-

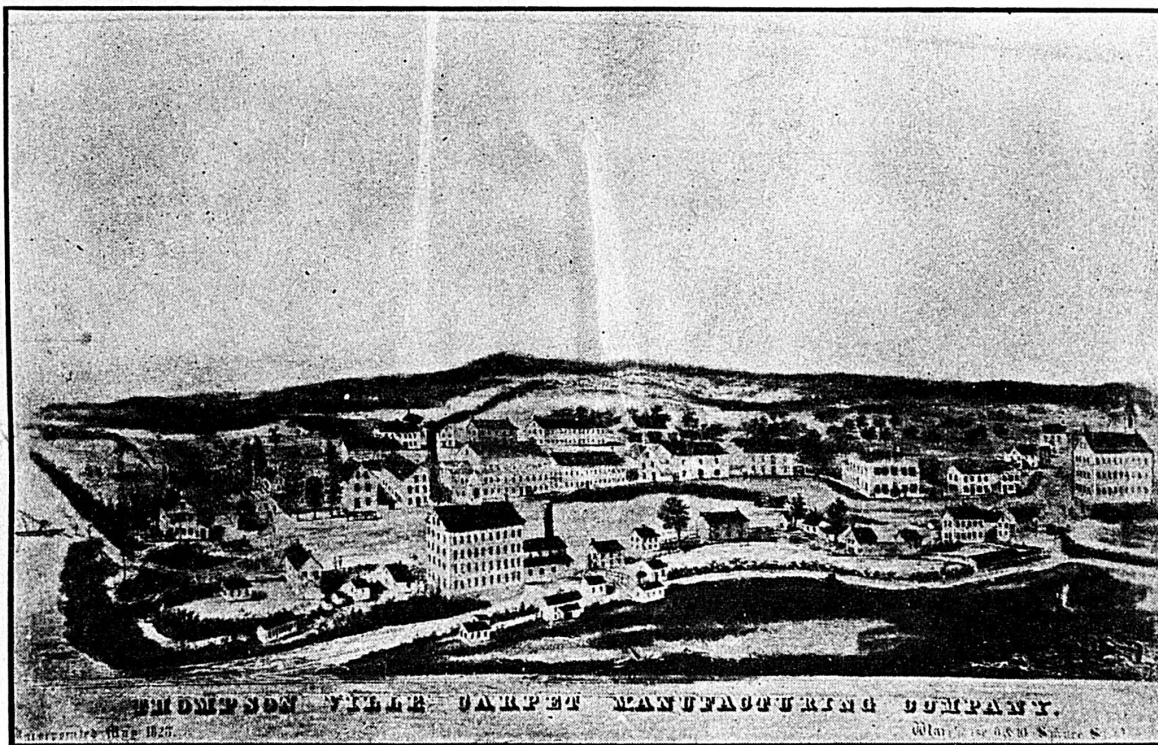


COLONEL AUGUSTUS G. PEASE

great trees were soon laid low and the soil was producing the wheat and the rye and the hay which it has continued to grow from that day to this. Potatoes and tobacco were unknown then, and Indian corn was but a hope. The game in the great forests furnished ample meat, and was taken by the snare and trap, and the bow and arrow, for firelocks were scarce and gunpowder a rare and costly article. The Great River swarmed with salmon and shad in spring time, and the brooks with trout.

The first settler was John Pease, and he spent his first winter in a "dug-out," in what is now the Old Cemetery on Enfield street. He was the progenitor of an uncounted host, who have scattered over the United States, and doubtless every state of the Union has within its borders

this committee has a descendant of his name living in Enfield today, excepting Benjamin Parsons, and some of his descendants now own some of the land set out to him on Enfield street in 1683, and it has never been owned by any one who was not among his descendants. The first building known to have been erected by a white man in this town was a sawmill erected by Major Pynchon at the site of the present dam back of the waiting station in Thompsonville, and that was burned by the Indians in 1675. This was the only depredation committed by Indians of which we have any record. The territory now included in the town of Enfield, as well as in the town of Suffield and many of the towns bordering on the Massachusetts state line, was considered a part of the



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THOMPSONVILLE, 1838

Until that time Enfield sent representatives to the General Court at Boston, and many of the ancient records of the town are to be found only in Springfield and Northampton.

The original boundaries of Enfield were what is now the Massachusetts state line on the north, the Stafford mountains on the east, the 42nd degree of north latitude, as established by Woodward & Savary, on the south, and the Great River on the west.

The town of Somers was formed in 1734 out of the eastern part of the town, and was originally called East Enfield.

Totaps, alias Nattattuck, who

directly in front of the residence of J. W. Johnson, and was forty feet square. It was in this church, July 8th, 1741, that Rev. Jonathan Edwards preached his most notable sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," a most dramatic account of its effect on his audience having been preserved to this time in the diary of Rev. Williams, then pastor of the church in Longmeadow.

The third meeting house was built by Isaac Kibbe, and was completed January 1st, 1775, and cost one thousand pounds, and the society gave him an extra sixty pounds because he had built the church so much better than his contract required. About this church Captain Thomas Abbe, immortalized by Taylor's poem published in the Atlantic monthly, beat his drum, on the Sunday after the Lexington fight, arousing the worshippers and warning the minutemen that their patriot brothers had been fired upon and some of them slain, and that "the embattled farmers had fired the shots heard 'round the world," and that the great fight for liberty was on. Messengers had been sent from Boston, riding swiftly on horses, in all directions, to notify the patriotic minutemen everywhere. We may imagine how soon the sermon became uninteresting and how the crowd gathered around the messenger and heard the momentous news.

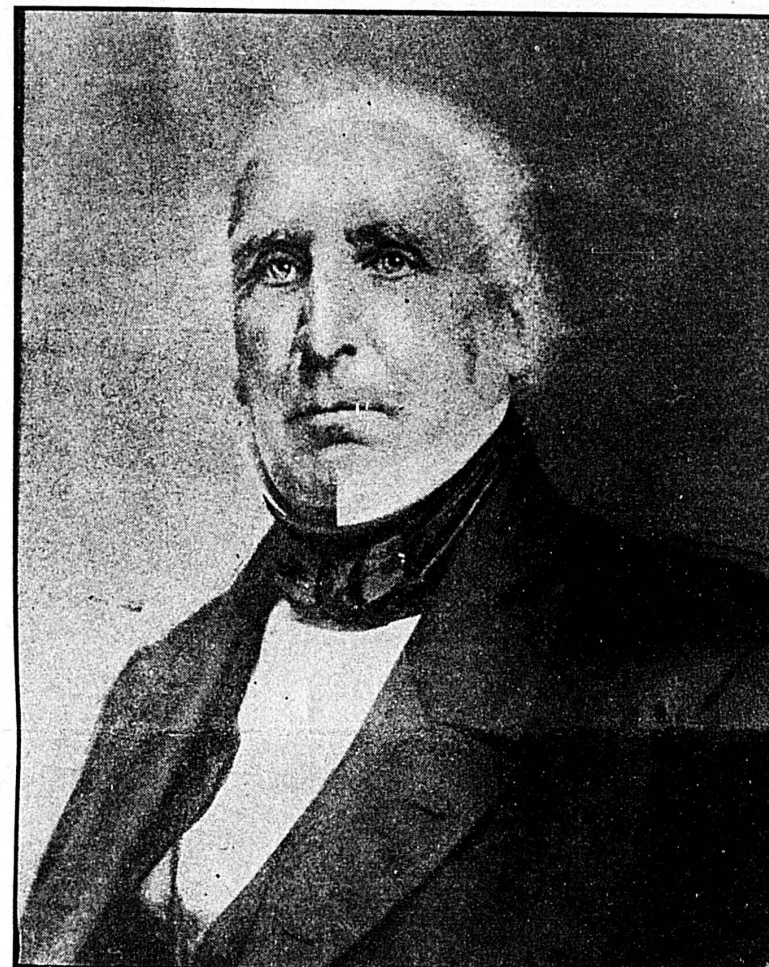
The next day more than one hundred of the young men of Enfield started for Boston, with their muskets and powder-horns. All their names are old English names, excepting the name of Peter Pero, who may have been an Indian.

In 1774, at a town meeting, most eloquent resolutions were passed denouncing the administration of the laws relating to the colonies of Great Britain, and the tyranny and oppression of the ministerial and parliamentary power, and then said: "While our hearts glow with the most filial duty and affection to our rightful sovereign, Lord George the 3rd, and to his illustrious house, we feel the warmest sentiment of gratitude to those worthy gentlemen

sent her quota of men to do the fighting. The soldiers of Enfield have ever done their share of the fighting in every war since the French and Indian war.

Before Washington and Jefferson and the other wise men of their day were in favor of abolishing negro slavery, and many years before Garrison, and Phillips, and Gerritt Smith, and Sumner, and the abolitionists of their day were born, the electors of Enfield were abolitionists, for on the 31st day of March, 1777, in town meeting, they "Voted that Joseph Knight, Capt. Perkins and Ensign Eliphalet Terry be a committee to prefer a memorial to the

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ORRIN THOMPSON

The great carpet factory at Lowell was started the same year as the one here.

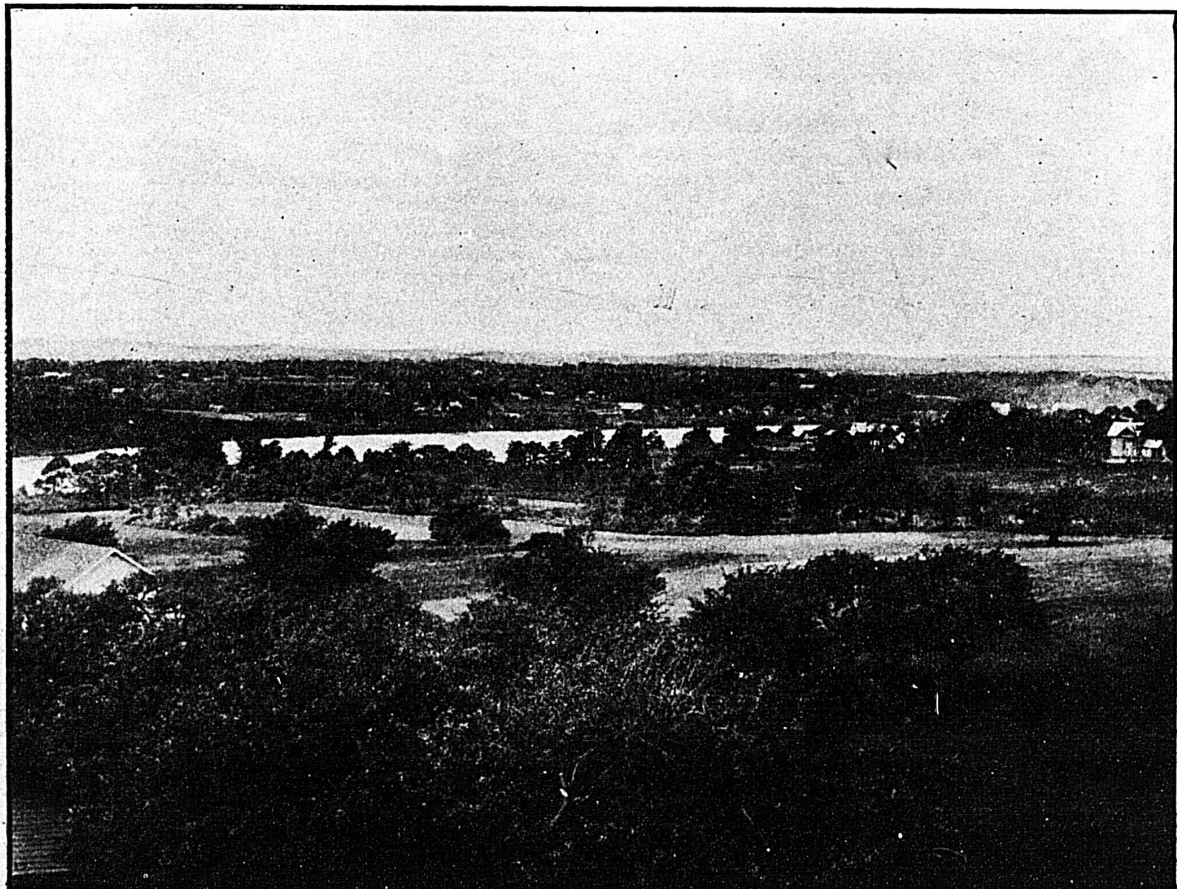
The charter of The Thompsonville Carpet Manufacturing Company was granted by the Legislature of 1828 and it was immediately organized with David Andrews of Andrews & Thompson, as president; Sylvester Lusk, secretary, and Henry Thompson, brother of Orrin Thompson, agent. A Scotch house, Gregory Thomson & Co., of Kilmarnock, was a large stockholder in the company, and Robert Thomson, a Scotch carpet maker, was sent over to superintend the new works.

These Thomsons were not relatives, as many have supposed, of Orrin Thompson and they spelled their name without the "p." The idea of the original stockholders was to man-

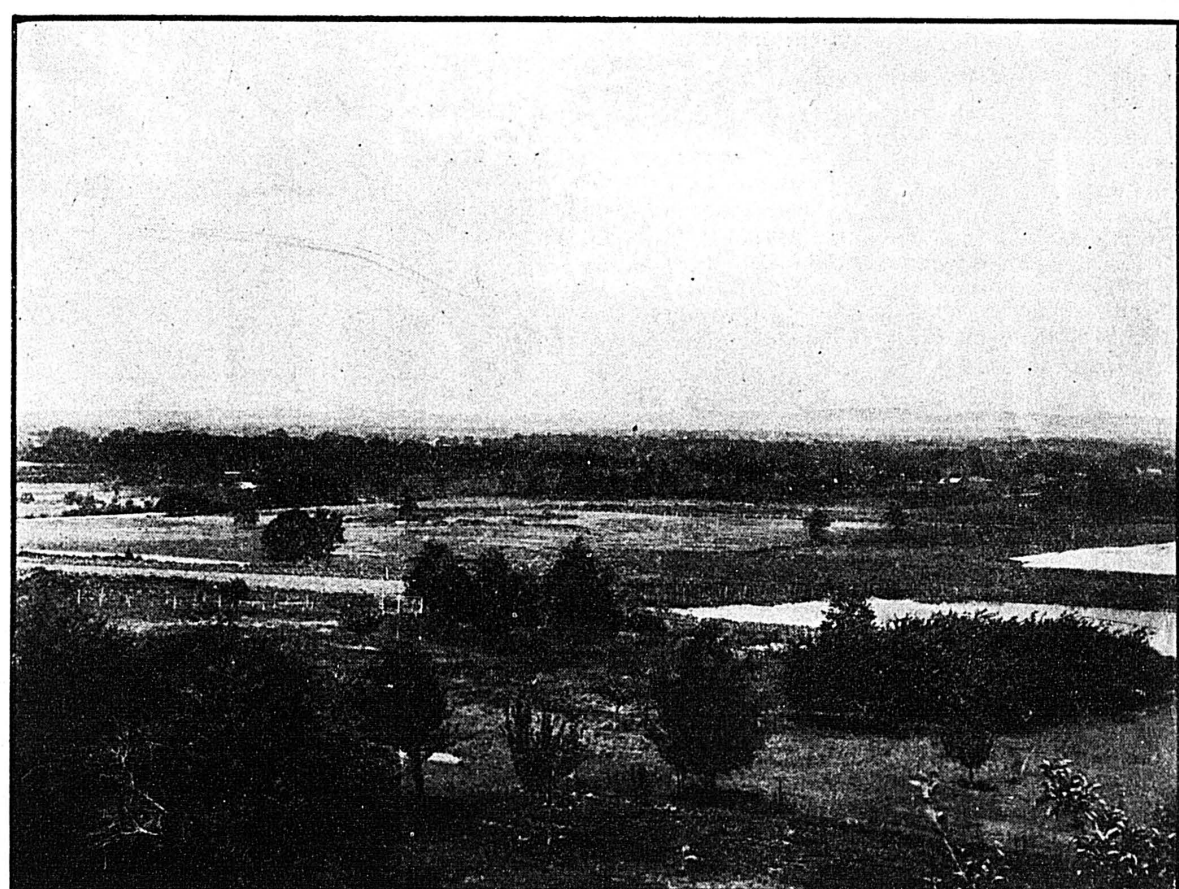
field, which was at that time called "the city," because its total population numbered about 50 people. The selection was made not because of any particular advantages but through Mr. Thompson's desire to benefit his fellow townsmen.

The charter was obtained in May and most of the year 1828 was spent in erecting buildings for the manufacture and building of such machinery as could not be imported. The "White mill" was the first to be erected; the old flouring mill was turned around and made into a dye house and tenements were erected for the help. The weaving shops were put up on the north side of Main street on the 12-acre square which is covered by the works of the present company. But a small amount of

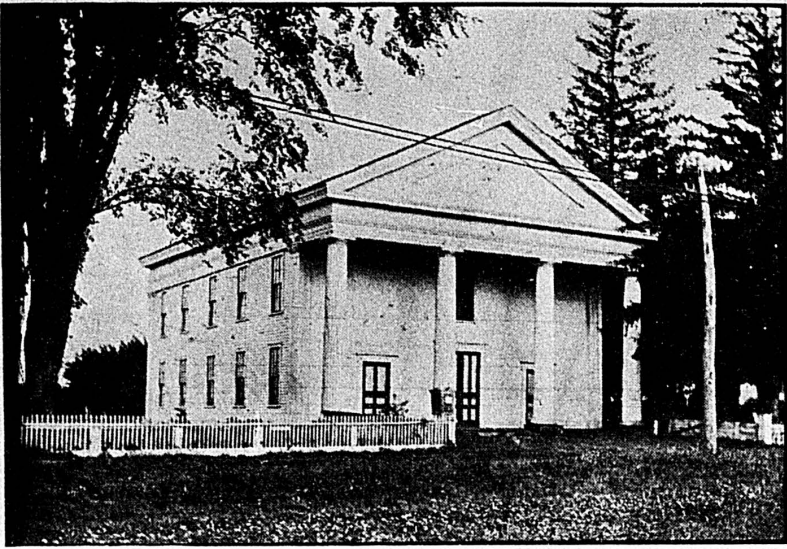
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VIEW FROM ENFIELD STREET—CONNECTICUT RIVER (Looking West from Elmcroft Sanatorium.)



VIEW FROM ENFIELD STREET (Looking East from Elmcroft Sanatorium.)



ENFIELD TOWN HALL

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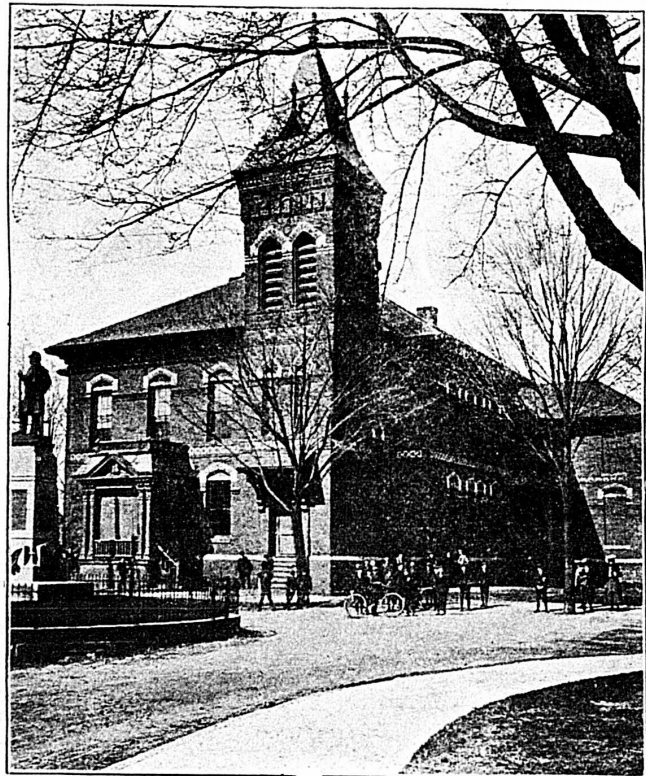
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Assembly in May next and pray that the Negroes in this State be Released from their Slavery and Bondage." Their spelling was not good but they knew right from wrong. Notwithstanding this petition there were slaves in Connecticut as late as 1840, though an act for the gradual emancipation of slaves had been enacted many years before.

The population of Enfield has steadily increased from the taking of the first census in 1756, when it was 1,050, until the present time when it is 10,000. From 1830 to 1870, and during the last decade, the population increased faster than at any

increased rapidly, and at one time had five families and attained great wealth, but they are now reduced to two families and their numbers are greatly reduced.

No resident of Enfield need be other than proud of his town, and none of the children of the first settlers need conceal the fact that they are derived from such an ancestry, for no better men or more beautiful and devoted women ever lived. They were a modest people; they never blew the trumpet in their own praise. They were brave, honest, independent, intelligent, and sternly religious above the light of their day and time, and if they did believe in the doctrines of foreordination, predestination, and a veritable hades of fire and brimstone, they were able to give a reason for the faith that was within them, and what they believed they believed with all their heart, and were worthy of the praise given the Puritan by McAuley.



ENFIELD PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

other time. The manufacture of carpets was begun in 1828, and a few years later the manufacture of gunpowder was begun. To Orrin Thompson and Augustus G. Hazard is due, more than to any other men, the financial prosperity of our town. Both were men of large brains and immense energy and sterling integrity.

James Dixon, for many years United States senator and friend of Abraham Lincoln, was born and bred here. Major General Alfred H. Terry, who took Fort Fisher after General Butler failed, and who was the only man, excepting General Miles, who rose to the office of Major General in the regular army from civil life, was descended from the Enfield Terrys. The Shakers began their settlement in 1781, and

A sketch of the history of Enfield would be wholly inadequate without a word about the author of the history of the town, and too great honor cannot be given to Francis Olcott Allen, born in Hartford, March 14, 1840; died in Philadelphia, December 3d, 1909; son of Olcott Allen and Lucy A. (Parsons) Allen, both born and reared in Enfield. Francis Olcott Allen was a refined gentleman, who spent many of his boyhood days in Enfield with his grandparents, and who rendered the greatest service to Enfield and reared to himself a grand and lasting monument by publishing in three volumes, at his own cost, a history of Enfield, containing a copy of the early records of the town, thus preserving them in a permanent form for future generations, when the originals shall have become as dust.

All honor to his memory!

J. W. J.

THOMPSONVILLE AND THE CARPET INDUSTRY

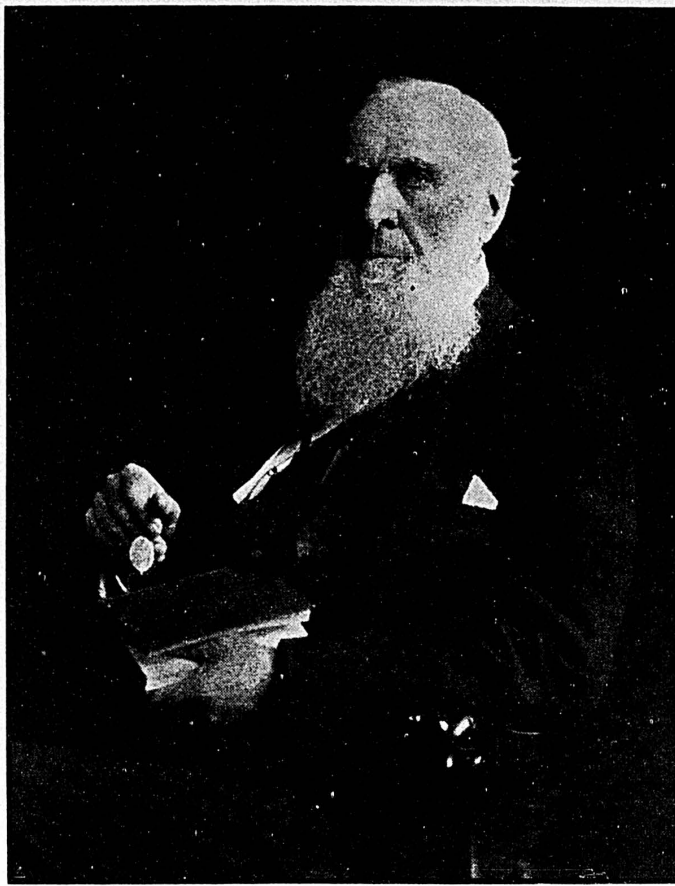
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power was required as the weaving was done entirely by hand.

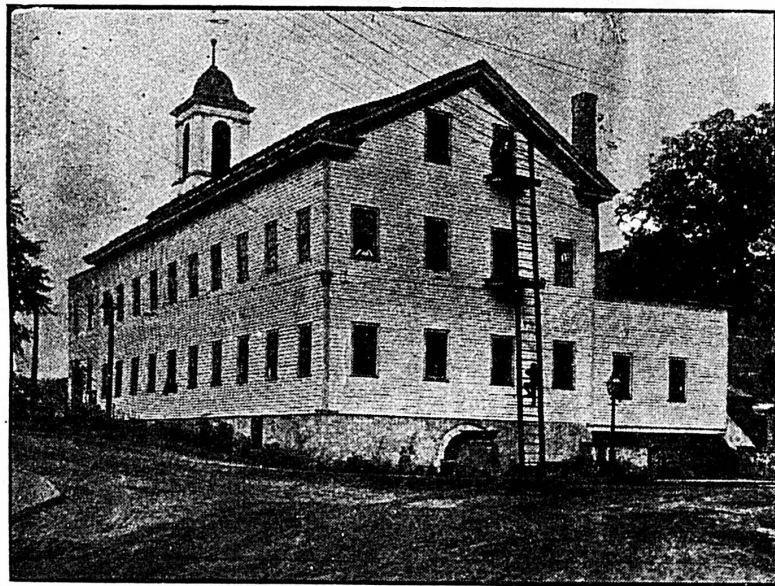
One of the first requisites was skilled workmen and these had to be imported from Scotland. The first colony of Scotchmen arrived in October, 1828, and landed at the Thompsonville steamboat wharf, near the Globe tavern, which was then standing. Two other colonies arrived in

ster followed and in 1845 the whole number of looms used by the company numbered 250, five times the original equipment. During that year the Enfield Manufacturing Company began the manufacture of knit goods and stockinets.

In 1840, Mr. Thompson purchased the large factory which had previously been built on the Farmington river at Tariffville and organized the Tariff Manufacturing Company, of which he was the principal owner and manager. The capital of this company was not far from half a million dollars and that of the Thompsonville company amounted to about the same sum.



HENRY G. THOMPSON



OLD WHITE MILL

First Carpet Mill Erected in Thompsonville.



JOHN L. HOUSTON

the course of as many years and for sometime afterward single families continued to come over. For nearly 20 years after the commencement of business by the company Thompsonville presented the anomaly of a Scotch village in the heart of New England.

The company commenced operations with 50 hand looms, all of them two-ply, and from this increased from year to year, branching out in all directions, until almost every grade of carpet was manufactured. The tall factory building at the lower privilege was erected in 1833 especially with a view to manufacturing three-ply and the first three-plys ever made in this country were made there. In 1842 the manufacture of Brussels carpets was taken up, with 41 looms. Axminster

At that time the fortunes of Mr. Thompson and his enterprises were at their height but trouble was soon encountered. Tariff rates, which for the first 20 years of the carpet company's life had been very favorable had been changed from time to time until they reached the stage where the ad valorem duty on raw material was as heavy as on the woven carpet.

It was impossible to lower the wages of the workmen to the British standard, but the Lowell Carpet Company had obtained the exclusive control of the Bigelow power loom, which was just being introduced, and as a means of meeting the situation Mr. Thompson arranged for the use of these looms in his mills, paying a handsome royalty for them. This involved an immense outlay of money, more than three times the amount

estimated, and took nearly three years' time. The old wooden weaving shops would no longer answer the purpose and expensive new brick structures were erected both at Thompsonville and Tariffville, 125 looms being put in operation. The long row of buildings on the north side of Main street were built at this time. The immense outlay in these works swallowed the capital of both companies and efforts to raise more met with but little success.

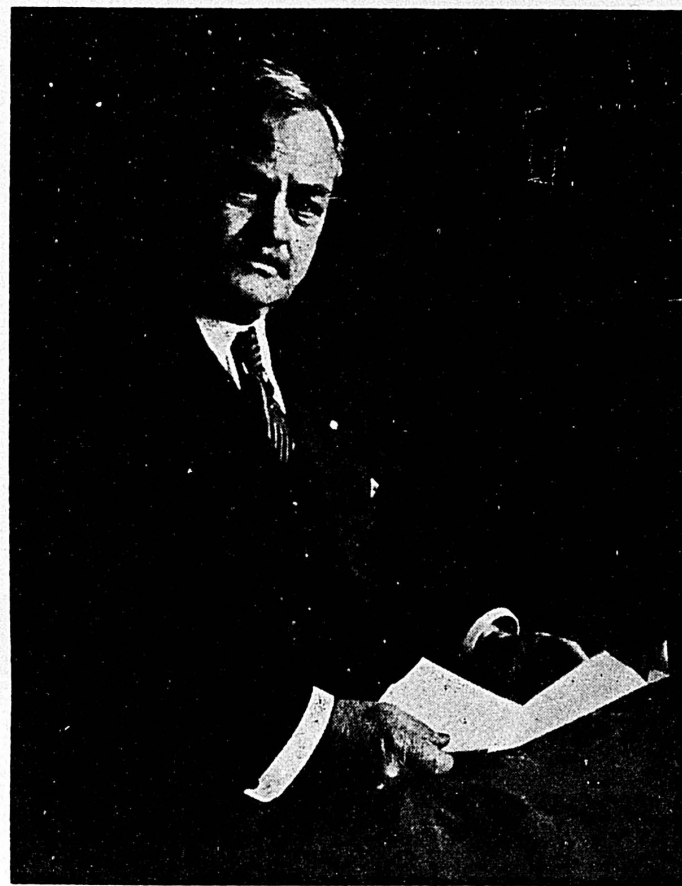
The New York house of Thompson & Co. was obliged to come to the rescue and continued to advance money until its own resources were exhausted. Just at this time, 1851, several business houses heavily indebted to Thompson & Co., failed, and, to add to the chain of disasters, it was found that the mortgage bonds of the two manufacturing companies could be sold only at ruinous prices. Sept. 20, 1851, the largest carpet manufactory of the company and the great business house of New York failed. The mills were closed, the villages deserted and their inhabitants scattered.

From the ruins rose the Hartford Carpet Company, largely through the efforts of Mr. Thompson, which was organized in 1854 with a capital of \$400,000. T. M. Allen of Hartford was chosen president and E. G. Howe treasurer. At the earnest request of the stockholders Mr. Thompson accepted the superintendency of the works at Thompsonville and held that position until 1861.

The wonderful success of the company showed Mr. Thompson's judgment in putting in the power looms and had his creditors allowed him to

who was later made assistant superintendent, succeeded Mr. Houston as superintendent. The business under the direction of these two officials continued to grow and many important changes were made during their terms of office.

One of the most important of these was the establishment of the moquette department in 1879, when 50 looms were installed under license from the Alex Smith & Sons Carpet Company, of Yonkers, N. Y., which controlled that method of manufacture.



LYMAN A. UPSON

go on with the old company it is undoubtedly true that he would have retrieved his fortunes.

In 1859 the Hartford Carpet Company bought the factory at Tariffville, with all the machinery that had been standing idle for seven years, for \$120,000, and from that time as much business was carried on there as at Thompsonville, 600 hands being employed at each place. Mr. Thompson retired from business in 1861 and died in 1872, at the age of 85.

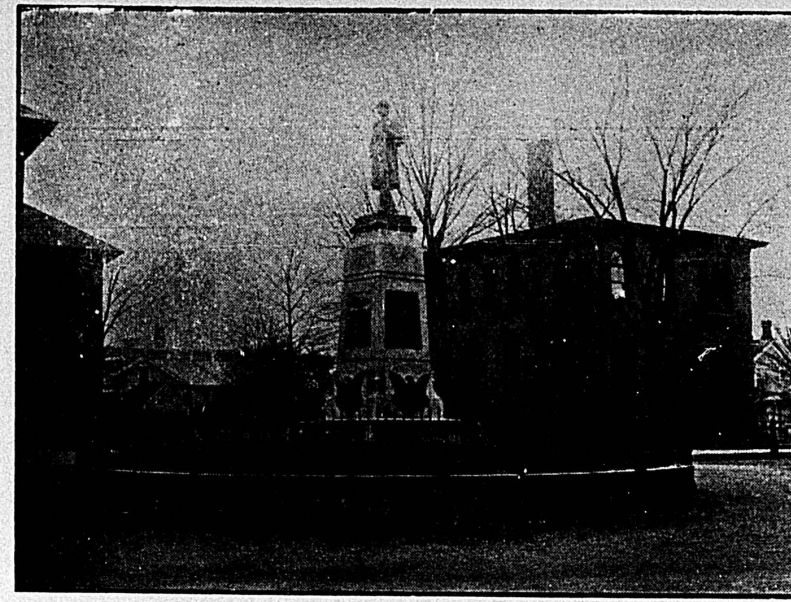
Mr. Thompson was succeeded by Mr. John L. Houston as superintendent, the latter having been Mr. Thompson's assistant and pupil. The business continued to thrive, but June 10, 1867, all the factories and the business section of Tariffville burned and the works have never been rebuilt.

Arrangements were immediately begun for doubling the capacity of the Thompsonville mills. New and extensive mills were built, improved machinery put in and additions built to the old mills. The old mills and all the other property of the Enfield Manufacturing Company were purchased and added to the plant. The power at that time was furnished by five engines located in different parts of the works, all made by Woodruff & Beach of Hartford. In 1870 a big engine of 500 horsepower was set up and it was the largest stationary engine in the state.

At that time the company ran 30 sets of filling cards and 33 combing machines; the full capacity of the spinning machines was 4,000 pounds of worsted and 7,000 pounds of filling yarn per day. In the different weaving rooms there were 247 in-grain and between 30 and 40 Brussels looms, with a total capacity of 7,000 yards per day.

During most of this time George Roberts, of the widely known Hartford grocery firm of Keney, Roberts & Goodwin, whose home was in South Windsor, was president of the company, having succeeded its first president, Timothy Allyn, whose term of office extended over but a few years. Mr. Roberts was a most efficient president and continued in office to the time of his death, when he was succeeded by Mr. Keney, the latter remaining at the head of the concern only a few months, when Mr. Houston was made president in 1878.

At the same time Lyman A. Upson, who came to Thompsonville in 1864 as assistant to the paymaster and



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AND TOWN BUILDING

LYMAN A. UPSON.

Prominent Manufacturer Long Identified With the Town's Progress.

Lyman A. Upson, president, treasurer and manager of the Upson-Martin company, as well as one of its founders, was born in Westfield, Mass., July 23d, 1841, and after attending the schools of Westfield graduated from the State Normal school in 1860, followed by a post-graduate course preparatory to entering college.

Instead he entered the army, enlisting in the 62d New York, Anderson's Zouaves, named for Major Anderson of Fort Sumpter fame, June 29, 1861, at New York. He was discharged with rank of corporal June 29, 1864.

After his discharge Mr. Upson returned to Westfield and came to Thompsonville August 15 of the same year, being employed in the office of the Hartford Carpet company as assistant to the paymaster and later as assistant to the superintendent, John L. Houston, Mr. Upson's brother-in-law.

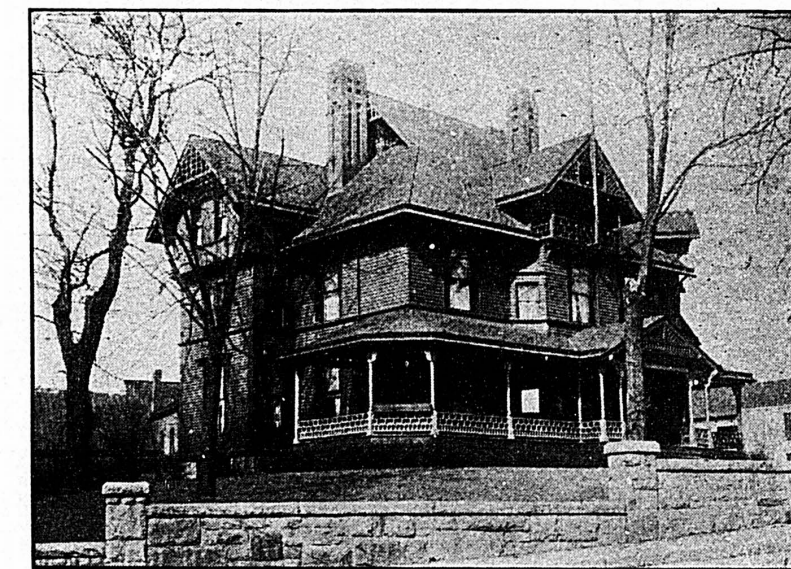
In 1878, when Mr. Houston was made president of the company, Mr. Upson was made superintendent and he retained that position until the property was taken possession of by the present owners.

During his connection with the Hartford Carpet company many changes took place and he saw many great gains in growth during his term as superintendent, as well as many changes in the carpet business generally.

In 1902 Mr. Upson, with Henry G. T. Martin of New York, then a member of the firm of Reune Martin & Sons, New York selling agents for the Hartford Carpet company, established the Upson-Martin company, which they have so successfully conducted since.

Mr. Upson is one of Thompsonville's most prominent men of affairs and has served the town most ably as a member of the school board for about 25 years. He had much to do with the establishment of the schools' grade of study and of the High school, and much of the excellence of the present system in other details as well is due to his efforts.

The hydrant fire extinguishing system was also installed during his

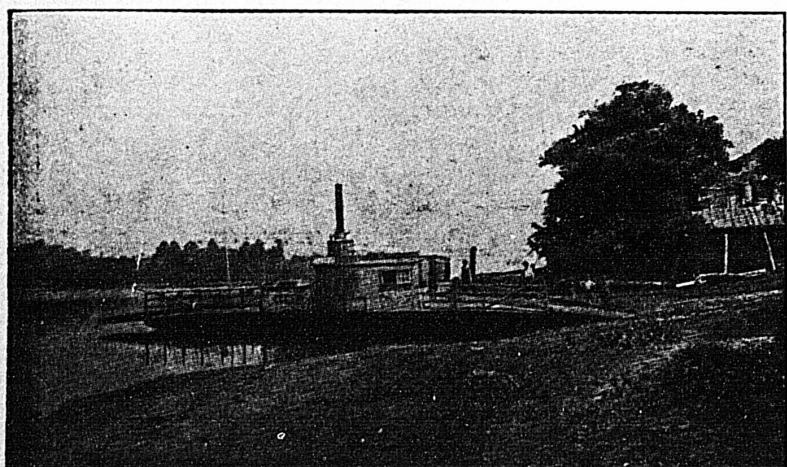


LYMAN A. UPSON'S RESIDENCE

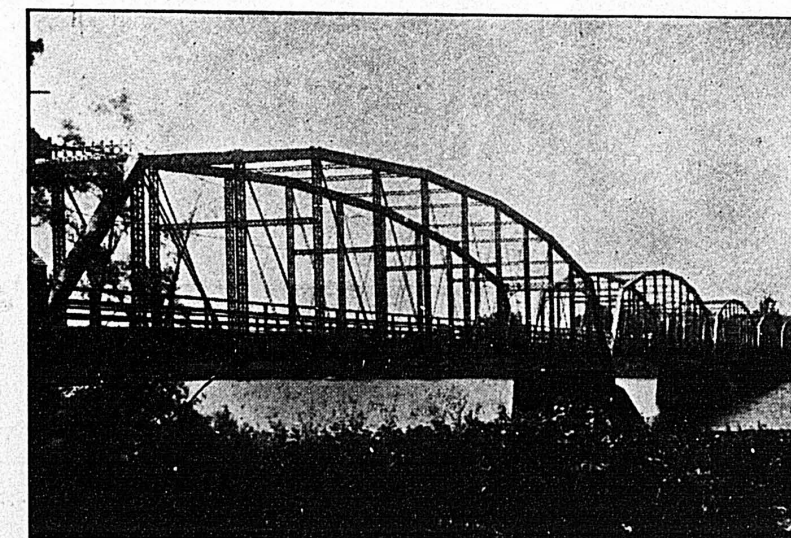
In 1895, Mr. Houston suffered a stroke and was obliged to relinquish the active management of the company, his death occurring in 1897. Mr. Houston was succeeded as president by George Roberts, son of the former president of the same name, and held that office until 1901, when the company was succeeded by the present Hartford Carpet Corporation. Mr. Upson retired from the company at that time to form the Upson-Martin Company the following year.

term of office, he being active in the work.

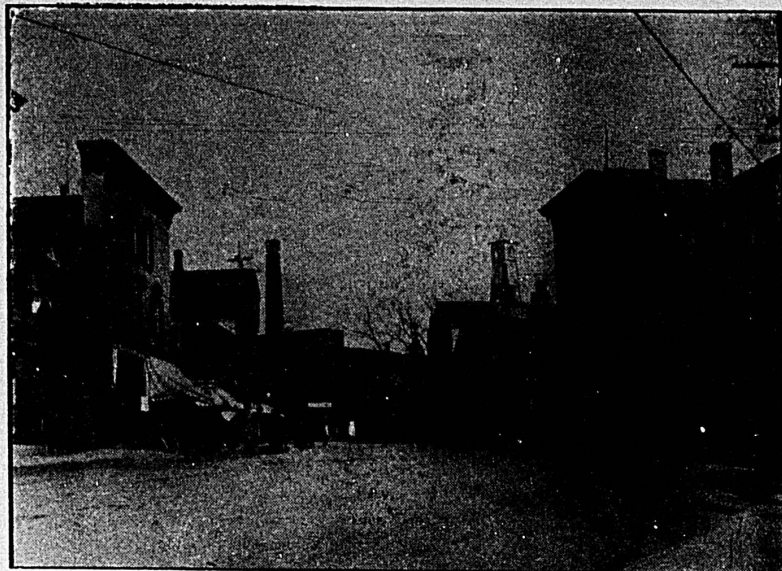
Mr. Upson represented the town in the General Assembly during the session of 1875, being a prominent factor in the deliberations of that body. In the early days of the local Grand Army post Mr. Upson was local commander and he has also served as post inspector on the state commander's staff and aide on the national commander's staff. He is an attendant at the First Presbyterian church and has been connected with the ecclesiastical committee.



OLD FERRY BOAT—THE "CORA"



SUFFIELD-THOMPSONVILLE BRIDGE

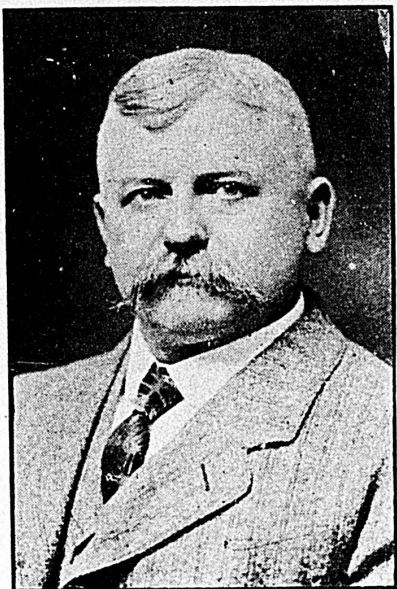


MAIN STREET, THOMPSONVILLE

CARL E. MILLER.**Now Owns Shop in Which He Held His First Job.**

Twenty-nine years ago Carl E. Miller came to this country from Germany and the first job he had was in the wagon shop of Joseph Bent on Enfield street in this town.

Today the sign reads, Carl E. Miller and there is no better man in the business than he is. What is more,



CARL E. MILLER

no man in the same line of business in this section is more widely known as a producer of work that lasts and probably no town of this size has a shop which does more business than he does. It is certain that few do as much.

Mr. Miller's success is due to hard work, thrift and a thorough knowledge of his business, coupled

Leipzig, Germany, beginning when he was 14 years old, and there he got a good, solid foundation of learning as to what constitutes dependable wagon making. After working for Mr. Bent four years he went to Springfield and worked there for some of the best concerns in the city.

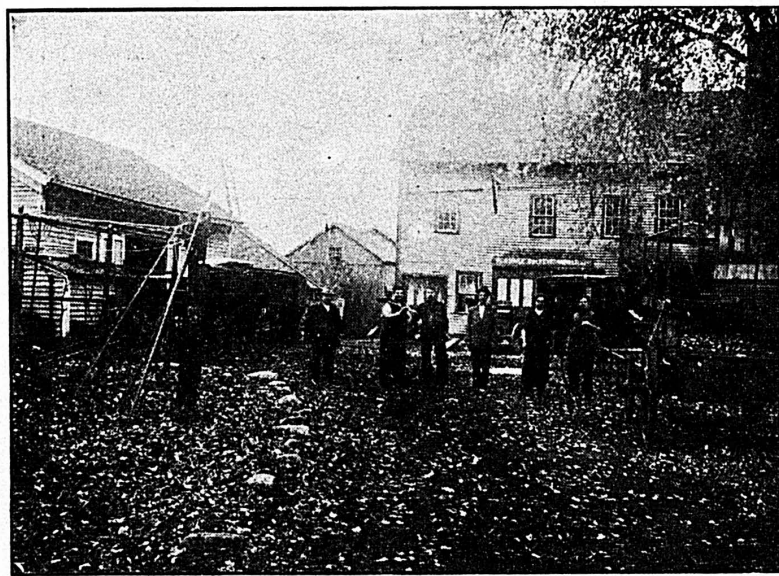
He might have been there yet had it not been for a strong attraction in Thompsonville of quite a different nature from business. Her name was Miss Emma Hiller, daughter of C. C. Hiller, a well-known resident of Thompsonville, and it is now Mrs. Carl Miller.

The opportunity to acquire Mr. Bent's business came at just the right time and Mr. Miller married Miss Hiller, settling down as a good Thompsonville resident, which he has been ever since. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, three daughters and a son, the latter, Herbert Miller, now being an able assistant to his father in the business.

It was twenty years ago this spring that Mr. Miller bought his present business and since then both the plant and the business have been enlarged considerably. Ten years ago Mr. Miller put in power, thereby greatly increasing the efficiency of the works.

In addition to manufacturing carriages, wagons and sleighs he makes a specialty of horse shoeing, turning out expert work, and he does a big business in general jobbing and repairing. He also handles the Advance Buckeye mowing machine and deals in harnesses.

He has built many vehicles during the time he has been in business, including some particularly good trucks and dump wagons. One of his



CARL E. MILLER'S SHOP

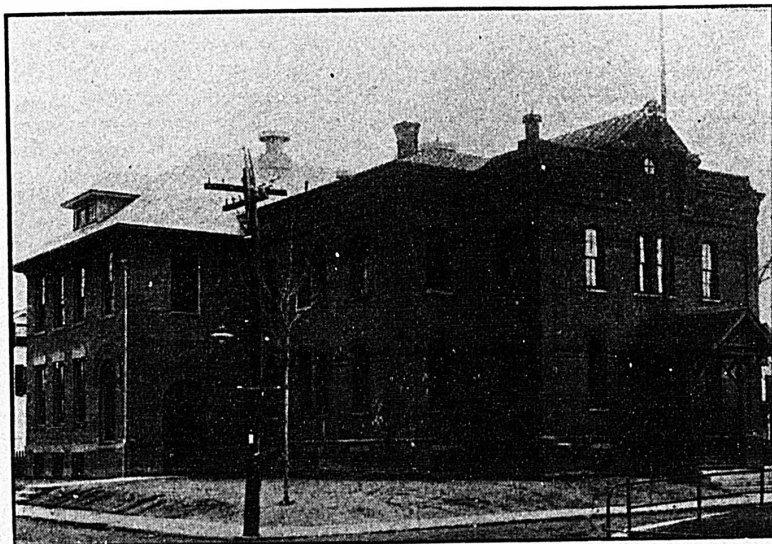
with a desire to give every patron just as much value as possible for his money.

"If it's made by Miller," say the carriage and wagon users of this vicinity, "it's the best you can get." That's the reputation he has built up since becoming the owner of the shop where he had his first job in America.

Mr. Miller learned his trade in

recent products was the heavy spring truck for E. Oates, the expressman, and many more are running over the roads of this vicinity, giving daily testimony to Mr. Miller's ability to make the sort of wagons that stand up.

Personally Mr. Miller is widely known and popular. He has been too busy to get into politics but he is the sort of solid, dependable citizen that Thompsonville likes to count on.

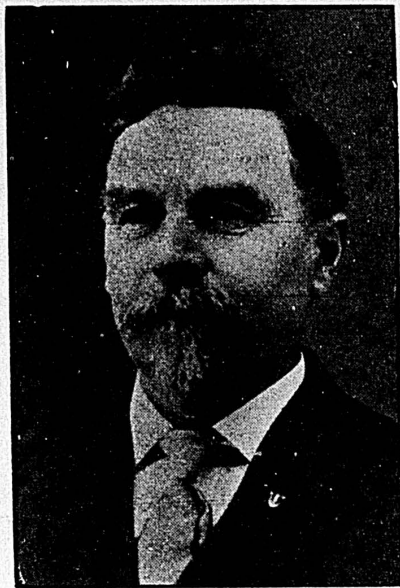


THE NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, THOMPSONVILLE

CHARLES H. FOWLER**Mason Contractor and Builder Who Has Worked at the Trade 42 Years.**

Charles H. Fowler, mason contractor and builder, who has erected many of the most important buildings in Thompsonville and surrounding towns, was born in Suffield, attended school there, and when 15 years old began learning the trade with his father.

Mr. Fowler came to Thompsonville when 21 years of age and went in business with Gordon Tryon. Since the latter's death, in 1881, Mr. Fowler has continued the business



CHARLES H. FOWLER

alone. In all he has worked at the trade for 42 years and built the town hall building, the North and South schoolhouses, the Brainard block and the new Majestic theatre building and many large residences here and in nearby towns.

Mr. Fowler has one son, Charles J. Fowler, who is a graduate of Yale college and a member of the Hartford county bar, with offices in Thompsonville.

Mr. Fowler has been assistant chief of the Thompsonville fire department for a number of years and is a member of De Soto lodge, I. O. O. F., of Springfield.

S. H. ARONSON.**Clothing Merchant Who has Built Up an Excellent Business.**

Close buying, small expenses and small profits make small prices and on that basis S. H. Aronson has won for himself the reputation of giving a man unusual value for his money in clothing, hats, shoes and furnishings at his new and up-to-date store at 7 South Main street.

Mr. Aronson's business reputation, however, goes back farther than his present store. It is based on seven years of faithful service to the public, and how satisfactory have been his dealings with his customers is evidenced by his constantly increasing trade.

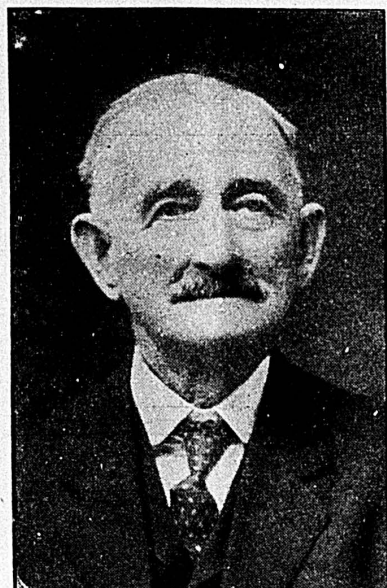
He makes it a point to carry only first-class goods and guarantees to give his customers satisfaction. He carries a large stock and one can find anything wanted in his line.

Mr. Aronson was formerly in business in Springfield and located his first store here at the corner of Main and South Main. Then he moved to Mulligan's block, where he stayed until increasing business caused his removal to his present larger store. He is a member of the Woodmen and Knights of Pythias and has made many friends during the time he has been in business here.

SETH ALDEN.**Direct Descendant From John and Priscilla; A Prominent Townsman.**

Many Thompsonville people pride themselves on their old New England lineage and one of the prominent residents is Seth Alden, whose forefathers gave Alden's Corner its name and who is himself a ninth descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, whose romantic courtship supplies New England's rugged history with its prettiest picture.

Alden's Corner was settled by Seth Alden's great grandfather in 1776 and he was born in the house his great grandfather built there. The house he now occupies was built



SETH ALDEN

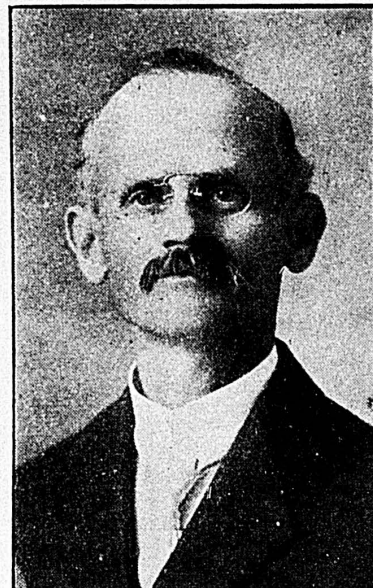
by his father, also Seth Alden, on the site of the first Alden house. This was built about 60 years ago. His cousin, Miss Martha Alden, lives on the farm adjoining to the north, the two farms having been originally owned by their fathers, Seth and Edmund Alden.

Mr. Alden attended school here and worked on the family farm. After his father's death he established a meat market where Arthur A. Clark has his fish market, conducting it through war time. He retired in 1881 and from that date until 1893

HORACE L. ABBE**Progressive Dealer in Pianos and Organs About 30 Years.**

H. L. Abbe, whose residence and place of business is combined in a comfortable home pleasantly situated on Maple street, began business when a very young man and has scored a success. He was born in Thompsonville and after completing his education went into the organ business with his father, the firm of L. P. Abbe & Son being established in 1882.

The organ business prospered and in 1887 pianos were added and the business took on an added impetus.



HORACE L. ABBE

It was continued by the firm until the death of Mr. Abbe's father in 1897, since when he has continued it alone.

It is a conservative estimate to place the number of pianos sold in this vicinity by Mr. Abbe at several hundred and his business is still increasing. He handles such standard makes as the Hardman, Lindeman & Sons, the Baumeister, the Janssen, the Capen and the Archer and his success is due in a great degree to the effort he has always made to have his customers perfectly satisfied with their purchase.



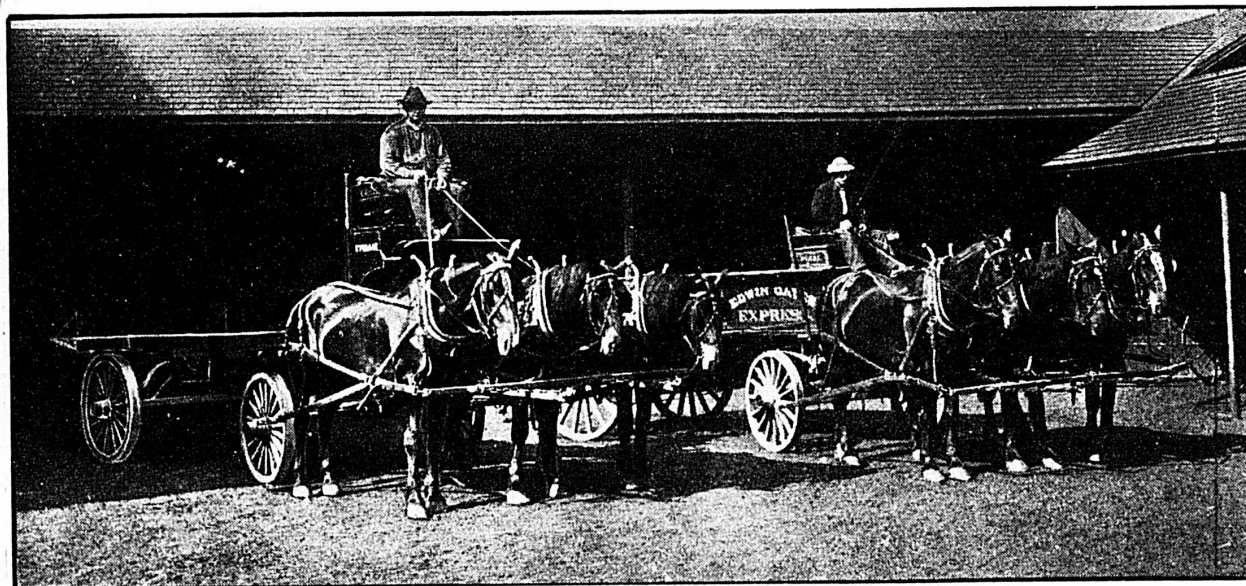
HORACE L. ABBE'S RESIDENCE

he had a tobacco packing business with George H. Barber, the firm being known as Barber & Alden. The ice business which he still conducts as the Alden Ice company was established in 1874, when Mr. Alden was in the meat business. He also still continues to raise tobacco.

Mr. Alden has fought shy of political office but served as assessor for three or four years in a very satisfactory manner. He is an attendant at the First Presbyterian church.

ENFIELD'S GRAND LIST OVER \$7,000,000.

One million dollars has been added to the grand list of the town by the state board of equalization. The same amount was added to the grand list by the state board last year. The increase is the second largest of any town in Hartford county. This makes the grand list of the town more than \$7,000,000.



EDWIN OATES' TRUCKING EQUIPMENT

EDWIN OATES.**Proprietor of a Large Express and Teaming Business 20 Years.**

For twenty years Edwin Oates has been the proprietor of the express and teaming business which bears his name and for four years previous to that he was its manager, the business having been established by his father, William Oates, nearly a quarter of a century ago. William Oates was one of the earlier townsmen and prominent in its affairs. He was born in Yorkshire, England, and came here with his father, grandfather of Edwin Oates, who was a boss weaver at Tariffville.

Edwin Oates was born in Thomp-

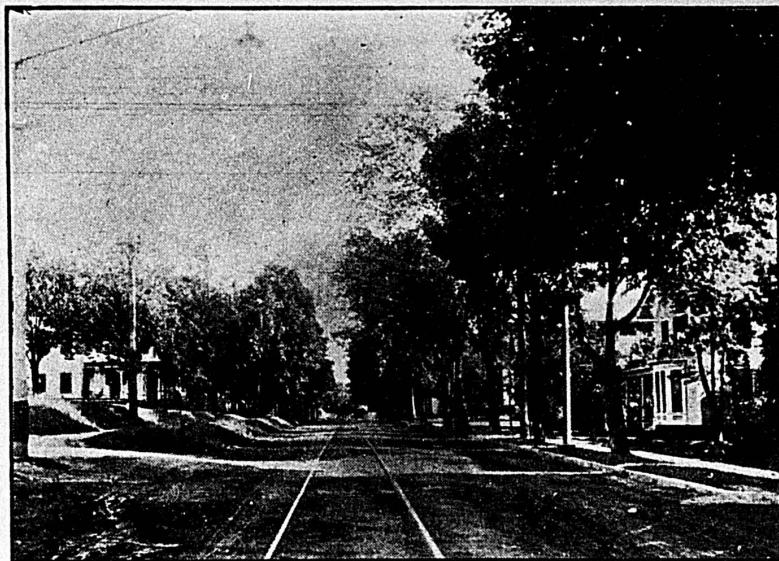
sonville and gained his education in the public schools of the town. Under his management the express and teaming business established by his father grew rapidly and he was soon made its sole owner. It has continued to increase steadily and is today one of the largest enterprises of its class in this section.

The equipment is complete, including a three-horse, five-ton truck, the largest in town, and thirteen horses and eight men are kept busy most of the time. Mr. Oates handles a great proportion of the freight business in town and does most of the sand and gravel hauling. He also does a lot of the trucking for the mills and makes a specialty of piano

and furniture moving. His express business is very extensive and shows a continued growth each year.

Mr. Oates has extensive barns and sheds at 21 Prospect street, where his residence is also located.

Personally Mr. Oates is widely known and popular. He is a member of Doric lodge, F. and A. M., of the Masonic club, the Business Men's association and the Board of Trade. He was married September 15, 1886, to Lizzie J. McCormack of Thompsonville and they have one son, William L. Oates, who is a Brussels carpet designer, having learned the business here and now being located with the Bigelow Carpet company at New York.



PEARL STREET, THOMPSONVILLE

M. E. BRODRICK.**A Successful Representative of Varied Lines of Business.**

There is probably no busier man in Thompsonville than M. E. Brodrick, who deals in life, health, accident and fire insurance, real estate and pianos, being the local sales agent for Ludwig pianos. He also has other business interests which keep him fully occupied.

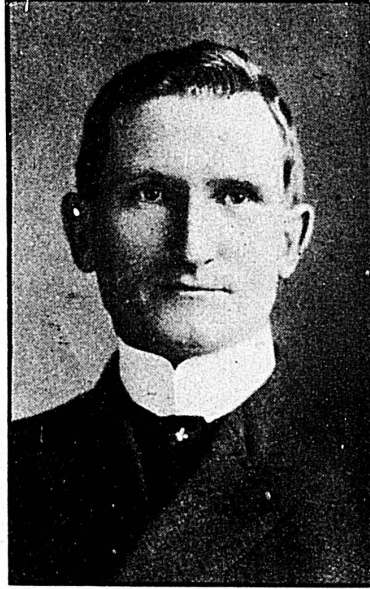
His insurance business includes automobile, liability and plate glass and he represents the Aetna, Standard Fire, London & Lancashire and the Providence-Washington companies, the latter being devoted to automobile insurance. He controls a large portion of the insurance business of the town in all branches and his real estate interests are extensive. He makes a specialty of Connecticut valley farms and tobacco properties. Mr. Brodrick also handles the well-known Swift & Co.'s fertilizers.

Mr. Brodrick was born in Windsor at Hayden's Station and he learned the general merchandise business with the Coogans at Windsor Locks, the latter being among the leading merchants of that town. Then for 22 years Mr. Brodrick conducted a general store very successfully at the North End here, selling out to open a brokerage office in O'Hear's block. Later he moved to new offices in the Brainard block, but recently discontinued these, finding that he could give his varied interests closer and better attention by liberating himself from office routine.

In spite of the heavy demands made upon his time by business Mr. Brodrick has found time to serve on the board of selectmen, to act as secretary and treasurer of the board of

sewer commissioners (an office he now holds), to act as secretary of the public building commission and to hold a few other offices as well. He is also president of the Union Fair association, comprising the towns of Enfield, East Windsor, Ellington and Somers, its annual fair having been held in Enfield the past year.

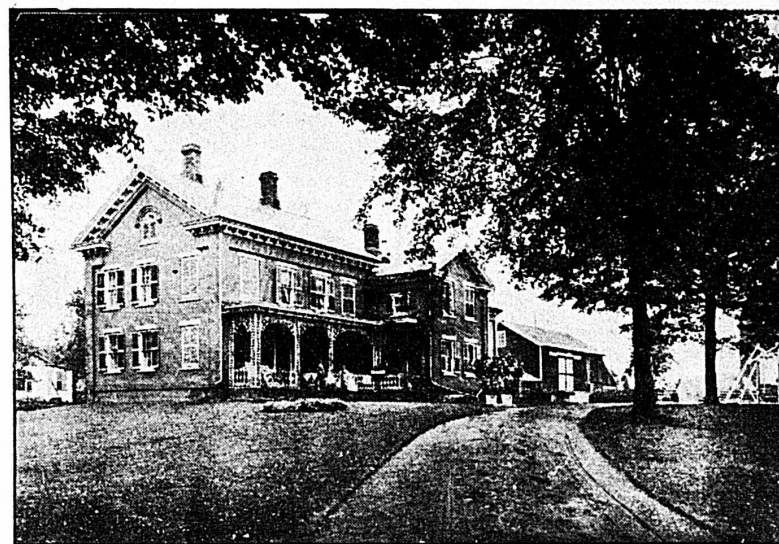
Mr. Brodrick is very popular personally, has been through the chairs of the Knights of Columbus and the



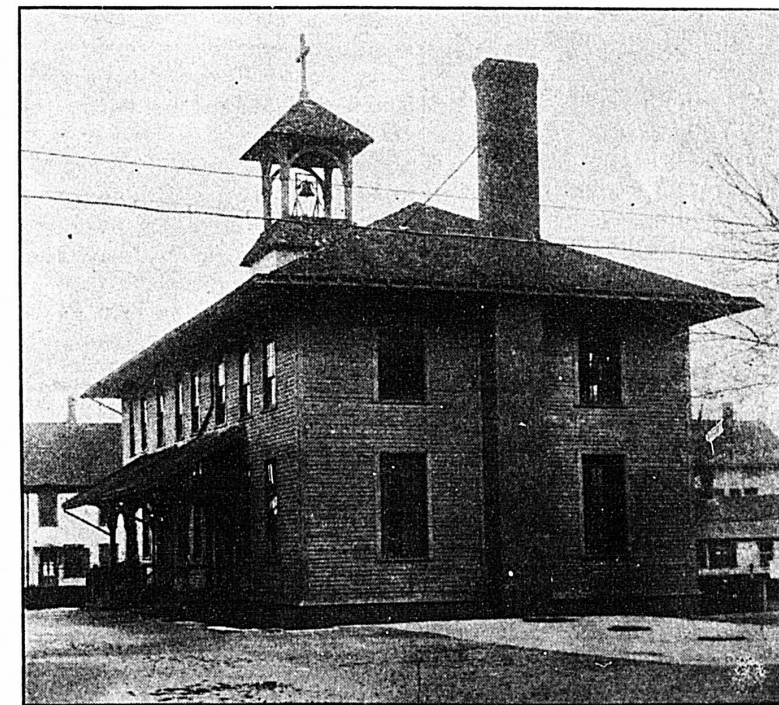
M. E. BRODRICK

A. O. H., is a member of the Foresters of America and belongs to the Business Men's association, the Board of Trade and the Enfield grange.

While closely attentive to business Mr. Brodrick is also extensively interested in a fine farm on Maple street, where he has his home. He gives this much of his attention and is justly proud of it.



M. E. BRODRICK'S RESIDENCE



ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, THOMPSONVILLE

THE HARTFORD CARPET CORPORATION

World's Largest Manufacturers of all Grades of Carpets and Rugs

Ten Years of Marvelous Re-Construction and

Now Ranks Among the Greatest Industries of New England

WORLD FAMOUS FOR SUPERIOR QUALITY PRODUCT

AWARDED GOLD MEDALS AND FIRST PRIZES WHEREVER EXHIBITED

The Hartford Carpet corporation, Thompsonville's world famous manufacturing concern, celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. It was organized in 1901 when The Higgins company bought out the old Hartford Carpet company and within these comparatively few years it has wrought many great changes in the carpet industry of Thompsonville and the country at large.

The original mill plant has been vastly increased in size, equipment and capacity and its employees now number 3,000 as against 800 when it took the business ten years ago. Wages have increased 20 per cent. and the whole history of The Hartford Carpet corporation during the ten years of existence has been one of reconstruction and progress.

The grand list valuation of the property today is \$2,300,000, within \$400,000 of the total grand list of the entire town ten years ago.

It gives to the people of Thompsonville a yearly income of over one and a half million dollars and has brought many benefits to the town since its organization.

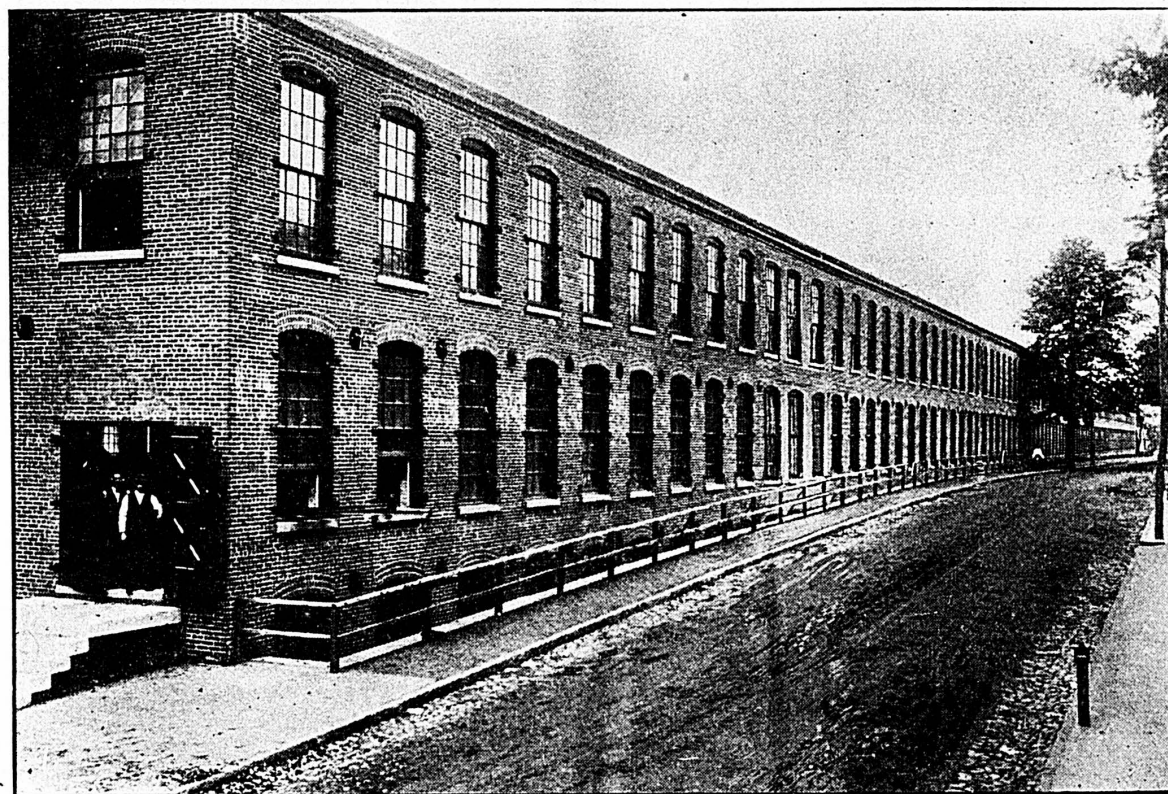
New and improved buildings have taken the place of the majority of those which originally formed the plant when the new company first came into possession of it, the reconstruction policy having been carried out with a liberal hand. Buildings which vanished to make room for the new include the following:

other manufacturing concern in the United States will show record of such a wholesale clearance of buildings for reconstruction purposes as this.

In addition to the ground originally included in the plant the Hartford Carpet corporation acquired property on Pleasant street for the site of its new tapestry mill extending from the residence occupied by the former assistant superintendent, James B. Houston, to North School street, including J. H. Darling's residence, the King property, the John Hall property and the United Presbyterian church and site.

The new mill property built by the Hartford Carpet corporation during these ten years consists of the tapestry mill on Pleasant street, 1,000 feet long and 100 feet wide, two stories high; the worsted mill, running parallel to it, 600 feet long by 110 wide; the filling mill, also parallel, 600 feet long and 60 feet wide; the dye house, 500 feet long and 75 feet wide; the storehouse and finishing room on Commerce street, 600 feet long and 75 feet wide; the color house, 175 by 125 feet; the Axminster mill, 125 by 487 feet, and the power house 175 by 100 feet. The mill property now occupies a total floor space of 26 acres.

Throughout these buildings there has been installed the most modern equipment, embracing every new de-



THE BIG TAPESTRY MILL

going from Charleston, Me., where he was born, to the mills of his uncles in New York. There he learned the carpet business from beginning to end. He mastered the intricacies of designing, of dyeing the yarns, of weaving and finishing. There is no part of the process of manufacture with which he is not familiar. As the active head of the manufacturing end of this great corporation his time is very fully occupied and he has neither inclination nor leisure for public life.

What Mr. Higgins knows about the mill end of the business Mr. Perkins knows about the selling end and even the company's competitors admit that it has the finest selling organization in the trade. The New York office is at 41 Union Square, and associated with Mr. Perkins there are Secretary George S. Squires and Treasurer George E. Perkins. John F. Norman of New York has been recently appointed sales manager by the president. Other sales offices are located in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco. The mill offices, of course, are located in Thompsonville.

The Hartford Carpet corporation is capitalized at \$5,000,000 and is the largest carpet concern in the world manufacturing all grades of carpets and rugs.

The officers are: President, R. P. Perkins, New York; vice-president and general manager, A. D. Higgins,

are to be found in Europe.

Naturally an immense amount of raw materials are brought into Thompsonville to produce such an extensive output, coming from all parts of the world and making the carpet company an important factor in the country's importations. Nearly all of the wool that is used is imported, some of it coming from China and Russia and much of it from South America.

The hemp that is used for warp is largely foreign grown and all of the jute comes from India.

No single description can give an adequate conception of the immensity of the Hartford Carpet corporation's business or of its importance to the community in which it is located, but some idea of its future possibilities may be gained from the fact that the common stock which was at 20 ten years ago is now quoted at 127 bid, with none to be had at that price.

The growth of Thompsonville and the Hartford Carpet Co. have been identical. The population has increased these past ten years from 6,699 to 9,718; the children of school age have increased from 1,499 to 2,045; the grand list of the town has increased from \$3,025,438 to nearly \$6,300,000, and the rate of taxation has decreased from \$15 on each \$1,000 to \$10.

In addition to his multifarious business duties, Vice-President Alvin

and one that is of inestimable advantage to Thompsonville. Its business today ranks among the greatest industries in New England, the home of giant industries.

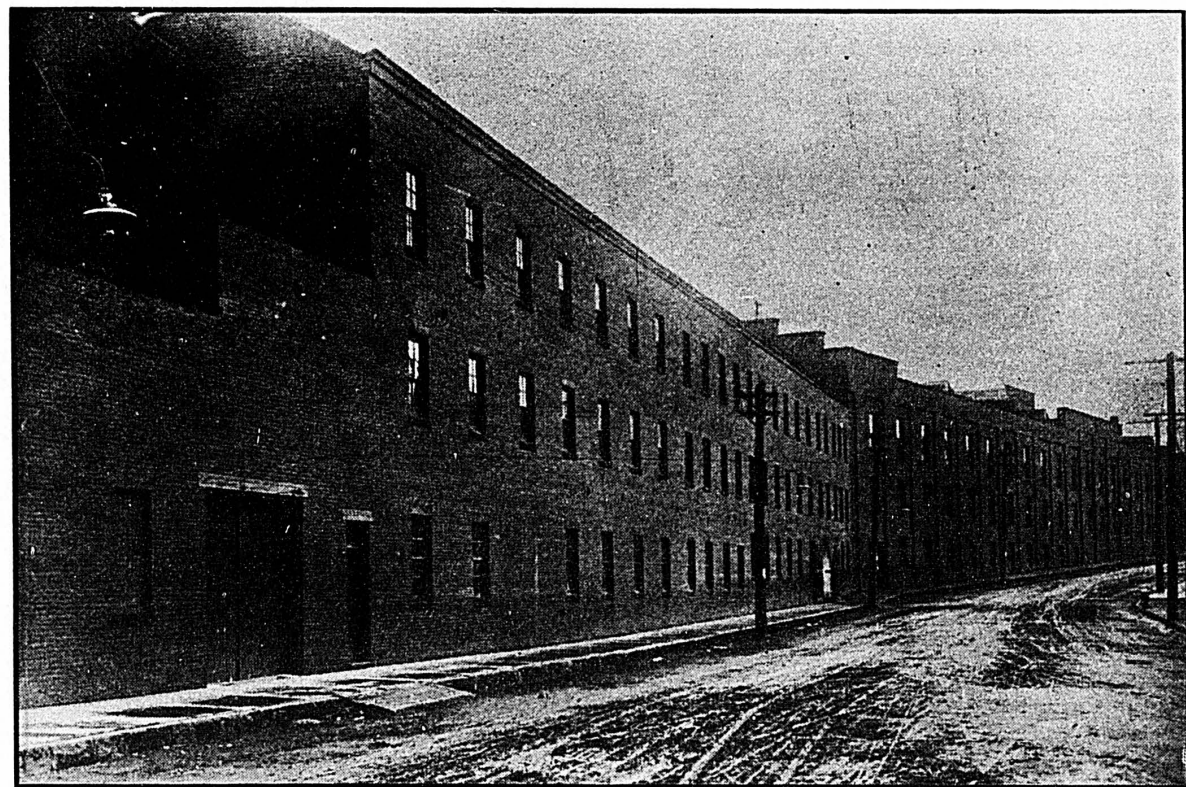
It is only fair to say that its wonderful success is due to the indefatigable efforts and business acumen of its two executive heads, President R. P. Perkins, head of the selling organization at New York, and Vice-President and General Manager A. D. Higgins at the head of the manufacturing department in Thompsonville.

These gentlemen have been associated in the carpet business for many years, both having been together in the E. S. Higgins company, which bought out the Hartford Carpet company and organized the present concern. They occupied with the Higgins company relative positions to those they now hold, Mr. Perkins in the selling and Mr. Higgins in the manufacturing end. Then, upon the death of E. S. Higgins, head of the firm, the company was reorganized and Mr. Higgins and Mr. Perkins held the controlling interest at the time the Thompsonville plant was taken over. Mr. Perkins was president and Mr. Higgins general manager, as at present.

Mr. Higgins entered the carpet business when he was 17 years old,



STOREHOUSE AND SHIPPING DEPARTMENT



ORIGINAL POWER LOOM SHOP

All the old buildings in what was known as Scotch row, now Commerce street, occupied by the original Scotch weavers who came here as early as 1828, together with similar buildings on North School street and including the old building known as the North Schoolhouse.

The No. 2 worsted mill, the No. 4 filling mill, all the carpet storehouses in the northeast part of the grounds, the old yarn drying room, the Hughes & Phillips engine room and boiler house, two large storehouses, the building used as a machine shop, the blacksmith shop, part of No. 1 worsted spinning mill, No. 3 filling mill that burned in the sixties and on the site of which the new mill was constructed, the old worsted mill situated on lower Main street, known as the Black Mill, with engine and boiler house connected, the worsted mill situated on the present site of the waiting station on North Main street, known as the White Mill, the old dye house, the Stockinet mill chimneys and others, the old wool storehouse on Pleasant street, the old engine house near Main street, containing the Woodruff & Beach engine and the boiler houses connected.

It is doubtful if the history of any

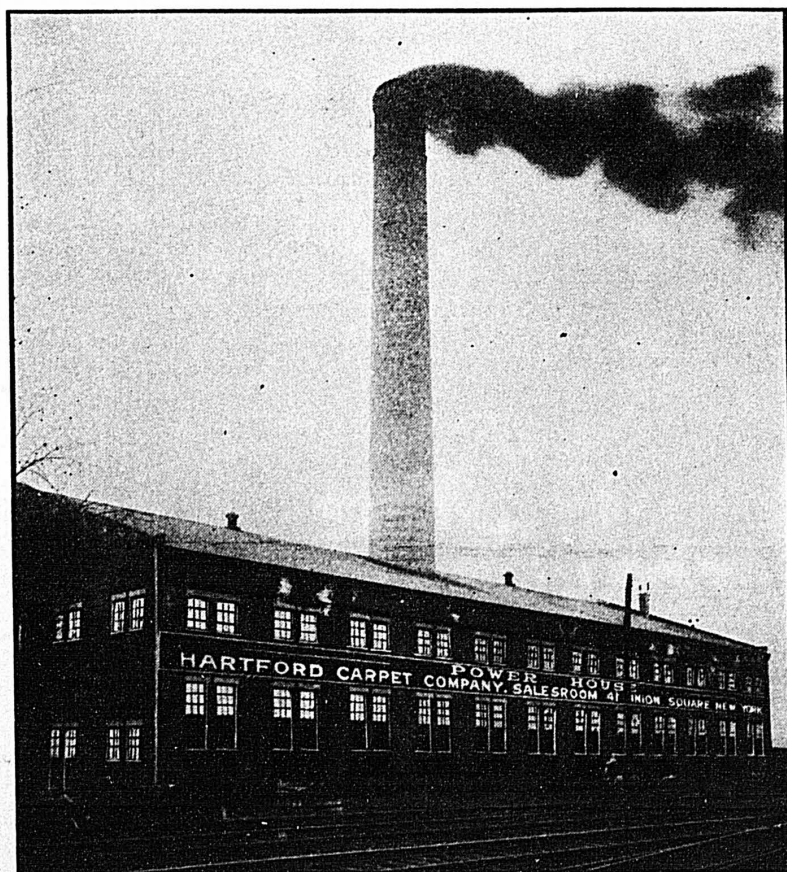
vice necessary to make the plant one of the most up to date in the world.

In all the company has 800 looms in operation for weaving different kinds of carpets. There is no design that is impossible and no size too large for the mills to produce. In the moquette mill alone there are 300 looms, the old Hartford Carpet company being one of the first to put in moquette looms, installing 42 of them in 1878. There has been no advance in the science of carpet weaving of recent years that is not found represented in the equipment of the Hartford Carpet corporation's mills now.

Six years ago the company moved all its designing departments, tapestry, moquette and Brussels from New York to Thompsonville, thereby increasing the facilities of the mills materially.

Another addition to the original plant consists of the acquisition of what was the Lozier bicycle factory, now used for the finishing of Brussels, Wilton and Saxony rugs.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the Hartford Carpet corporation has made wonderful progress during the ten years of its existence, a growth equalled by few of the big industrial concerns of the country



POWER HOUSE

Thompsonville; treasurer, George E. Perkins, New York; secretary, George S. Squires, New York; general superintendent, W. E. Lyford, Thompsonville.

Since the present company has conducted the business the mills have never been shut down except for the regular summer vacation, its products being in such general demand that hard times have never had the effect of halting its operations.

An idea of the position its products occupy in the trade is gained from the fact that it has been awarded gold medals and first prizes at all the exhibitions in which they have been entered. In fact they are famous the world over and include every variety of carpet and rug. Seven million yards of body Brussels, Wiltons, velvets, Saxons, Axminsters, ingrain, tapestries and special weaves are turned out every year. In other words the mills weave enough carpet every week to reach from Thompsonville to Boston.

So famous are the products for their superior quality that the company finds it difficult at times to keep up with the demand despite its immense equipment. Ten years ago the mills turned out not more than 20 rugs a week. Today 75 per cent. of the entire annual product is rugs, due to their greatly increased use in modern dwellings. Many of the finest hotels and public buildings in the country use the Hartford Carpet corporation's rugs and no small number

D. Higgins has found time to promote good-fellowship among the employees of the company. A number of rooms have been splendidly fitted up in buildings owned by the corporation and turned over to the exclusive use of employees. An Overseers' club has been formed, principally through his efforts and suggestions, also a club for the women employees and an athletic association for the young men. These are sources of much benefit to the employees and all tend to create and maintain the kindest feeling toward the corporation by the many in its employ.

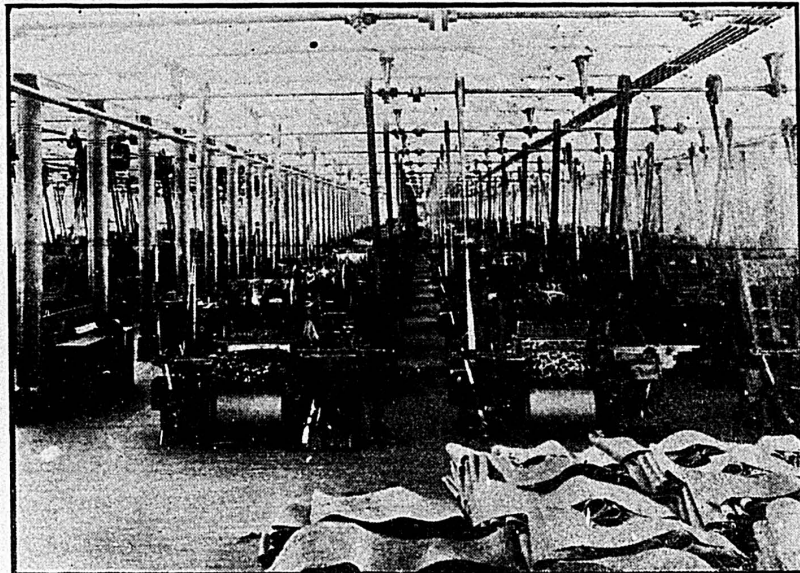
This great corporation has also been of much benefit to the town in that it has set the example of paved sidewalks and of inside sanitary closets in the homes of the working people, which has been followed by other property owners of the town, much to the improvement of the health and comfort of its citizens.

If this article were to attempt to include all of the direct and indirect benefits accruing to the town through the location of this mammoth industry here, space would not permit their enumeration. The citizens and taxpayers of Enfield, however, are aware of the multitude of these benefits and the kindest of feeling is both felt and expressed by many toward the big corporation whose business is conducted on such broad and generous lines as to include within its plans the welfare of the town of which it is so conspicuous a part.

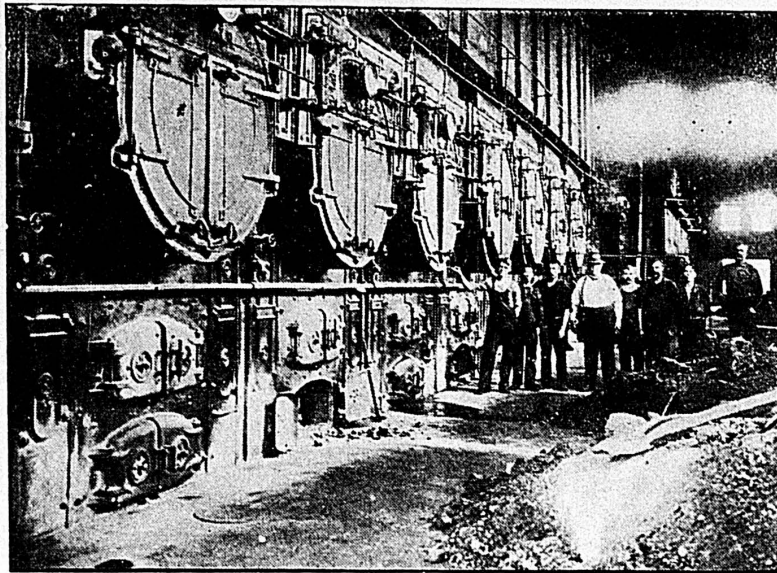
Thompsonville's Great Carpet Industry

\$5,000,000 Capital--26 Acres Floor Space--3,000 Employees

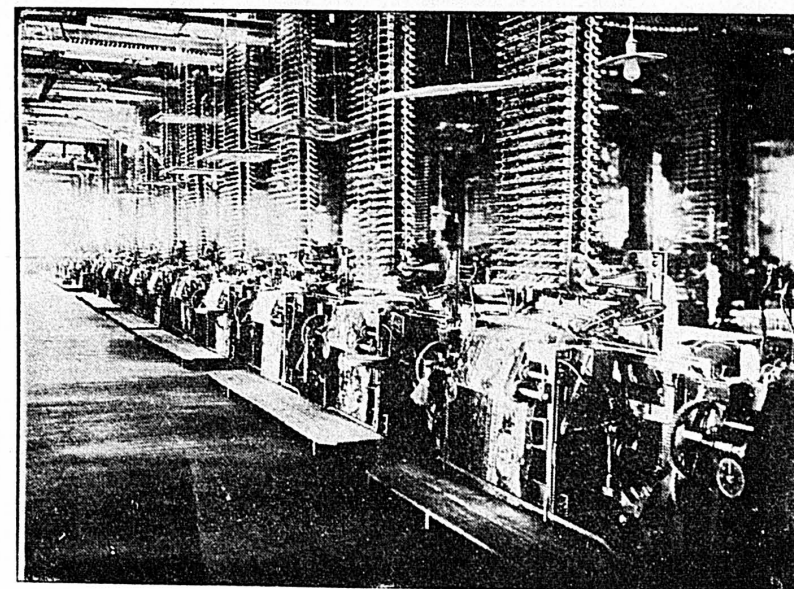
Provides the People of the Town a Yearly Income of Over One and One-Half Million Dollars While its Continued Prosperity and Development is of inestimable advantage to the Community



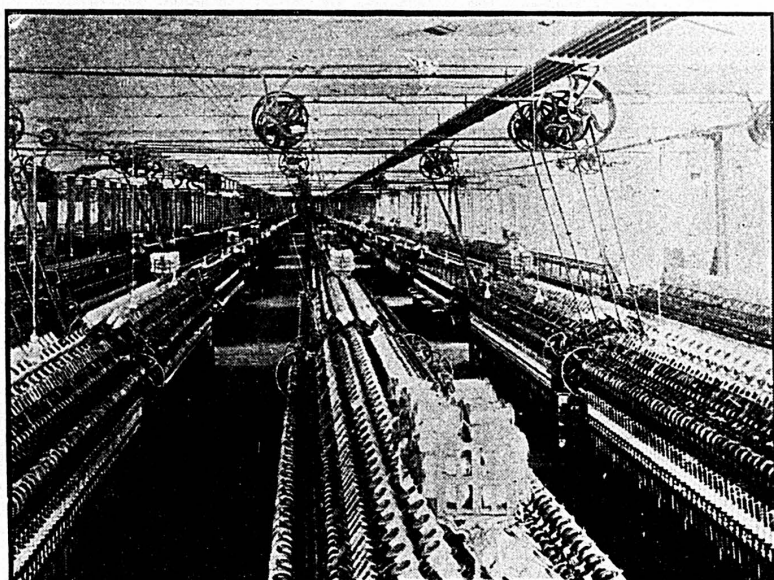
TAPESTRY WEAVING



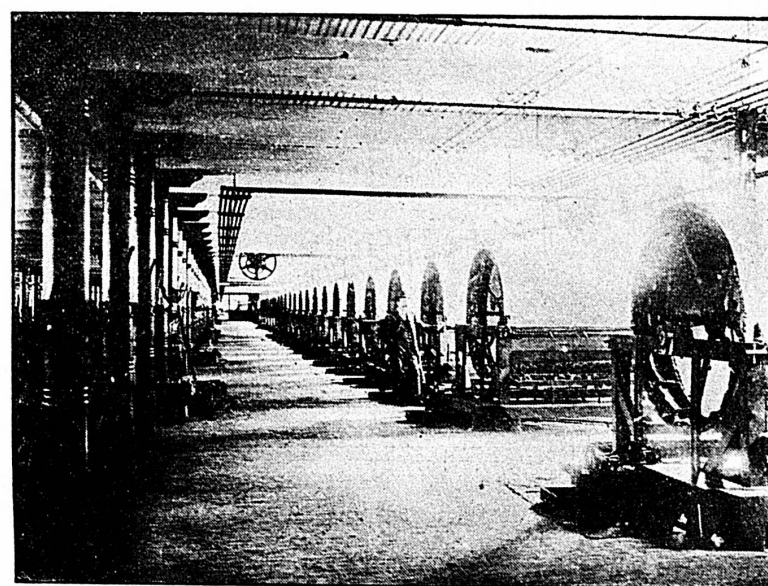
BOILER ROOM, POWER HOUSE



AXMINSTER WEAVING



WORSTED SPINNING



DRUM ROOM

WILLIAM CALDERWOOD.

A Great Business That Has Grown From a Small Beginning.

The result of hard work, strict attention to business and shrewd judgment is admirably shown in the success achieved by William Calderwood, whose big general store at the north end today does an immense business, greater than many pretentious establishments in the big cities.

Mr. Calderwood is not given to boasting and is not inclined to quote figures, but the extent of his business annually, stated in dollars and cents, would cause some of the big stores engaged in the same line of business in Hartford or Springfield to "sit up and take notice."

The extent of his trade is accounted for by the fact that his customers have, from the first day he began

handles in a really remarkable variety dry goods, groceries, ready-made clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, crockery, drugs, salt and cooked meats as well as a large assortment of fancy goods and notions. Not only does he carry about everything that a person could possibly want to wear or eat but any article not in stock will be promptly obtained.

A special feature which is meeting with great success, too, is the branch of The International Tailoring company conducted by Mr. Calderwood. This concern, with main offices in New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Paris and Berlin is one of the largest companies in the world engaged in making clothing to order and so satisfactory is their output that Mr. Calderwood supplies a constantly increasing number of his patrons with made-to-measure clothing every season.

Personally Mr. Calderwood is widely known as one of Thompsonville's most solid citizens and he has many warm friends.

W. L. BENTON.

A Druggist Who Has Spent His Lifetime in the Business.

It stands to reason that when a man has put as many years in the drug business as W. L. Benton, proprietor of the modern drug store on Main street, he must know it thoroughly. And Mr. Benton does know it, not as a business devoted to ice cream soda and post cards, but as a business devoted to drugs, chemicals and carefully compounded prescriptions.

Mr. Benton's intimacy with the drug business began at an early age and was a closely personal one for he worked in a Springfield drug store when a boy and slept with drugs, so to speak, having a back room in the drug store where he was kept awake nights by fervid political discussions between his employer and the latter's friends. That's the reason he has fought shy of politics ever since.

He came to Thompsonville in 1877 and worked for E. W. Lindsey. Later on he went into partnership with Mr. Lindsey and then bought the latter out about 15 years ago. Business has increased steadily during his ownership and continues to do so, thanks to the excellence of his stock and his unflinching courtesy to customers.

A New England teacher had put in a busy afternoon taking ten of her pupils through the Museum of Natural History, but her charges had enjoyed every minute of the time. "Where have you been?" asked the mother of two of the party, when they came home for dinner. "We've been to a dead circus," was the response of one of the lads.

THE WESTFIELD PLATE CO.

THE WESTFIELD PLATE CO.

Ten Traveling Men Necessary to Care for Its Growing Business in Casket Trimmings.

With customers in nearly every city in the United States, and ten traveling men engaged in caring for its trade, The Westfield Plate Company occupies a notable position in the business world. It makes a specialty of the manufacture of fine cas-

ville.

Every machine that is of value to the perfection of the product has been secured, and the inventive genius of its own skilled workmen has been given free play. The result is seen not only in the high quality of workmanship but in originality of design and the harmonious groupings that reveal both taste and skill.

This company was organized Sept.

The president of the company is Charles C. Munn of Springfield, who has distinguished himself in many ways besides that of a business man. Mr. Munn is the author of nearly a dozen popular novels, his latest, "Myrtle Baldwin," having reached a phenomenal sale. The secretary, treasurer and general manager is H. L. Viets, who makes his home in Suffield. Mr. Viets combines unusual business ability with a pleasing



WESTFIELD PLATE COMPANY FACTORY

ket hardware, and deals with the undertakers direct, finding this a much more satisfactory method than through jobbers.

Name-plates, handles, corners and all other metal trimmings of various metals and finish, used to add dignity to the last resting place of a loved one, are made in this big factory, which occupies four stories of a brick building, 200x45 feet, opposite the railroad station at Thompson-

ville, 1884, by the following well-known business men: A. H. Thomas, H. W. Morgan, H. W. Ely and L. H. Pease. About three years ago it acquired the business of the Peabody Dry Goods Co., makers of the dry goods that are used for interment purposes, casket trimmings and linings, garments for the dead, etc. This portion of their business is conducted on one floor of the big factory and is increasing constantly.

personality, is forceful without aggressiveness, and has the valued power of making friends. W. H. Seeley, the vice-president of the company, lives in Chicago.

With its exceptionally good freight facilities, insuring prompt shipment of orders, and the modern, up-to-date character of its entire plant, the Westfield Plate company is regarded by the trade as a leader of the first rank.

MATHEWSON BROS.

Proprietors of Two Important Industries in Thompsonville.

Two of Thompsonville's prosperous business concerns are owned and conducted by Albert H. and George T. Mathewson, who were born in Thompsonville and who have always been identified with its business interests.

One, the brewing business which is conducted under the corporate name of The Connecticut Valley Brewing company, was inherited from their father and the same old fashioned excellence of its products which made the Mathewson ales and porter famous is still maintained.

This business was established in 1860 by John Mathewson, father of the present owners, and was conducted by him up to the time of his death in 1879, when the sons succeeded him and they have jealously guarded the traditions of the business ever since. The name was changed to The Connecticut Valley Brewing company about ten years ago. During the administration of the brothers the plant has been enlarged and many improvements have been installed.

The brothers also conduct Mathewson Bros. & Co.'s wholesale coal, wood and ice business, that having been established in 1874. Mostly all-rail coal is carried, though the firm handles all kinds, bituminous and anthracite. In summer the ice business is large, a fact accounted for by the purity and quality of the firm's harvest.

George T. Mathewson is a widely-known citizen, not only locally but throughout the state as well, having been president of the state fish and game commission for the past twelve years. He was a member of the legislature during the famous deadlock session of 1891-1893. He is a member of the Thompsonville Board of Trade, having been its president for two terms, and of the Business Men's association. He has also been secretary of the school board and is a member of Masonic bodies. At one time he was a director of The Westfield Plate company, in which his brother was extensively interested.

Albert H. Mathewson was treasurer and manager of The Westfield Plate company for 14 years, resigning about four years ago on account of his health. He is still a director and was instrumental in bringing the company here. He has also served the town as a member of the board of assessors.

Her Future Husband—"I'm afraid our wedding trip will take all the cash I've saved up." Mrs. Renofred (cheerfully)—"Never mind, dear. A wedding trip only happens once in three or four years."

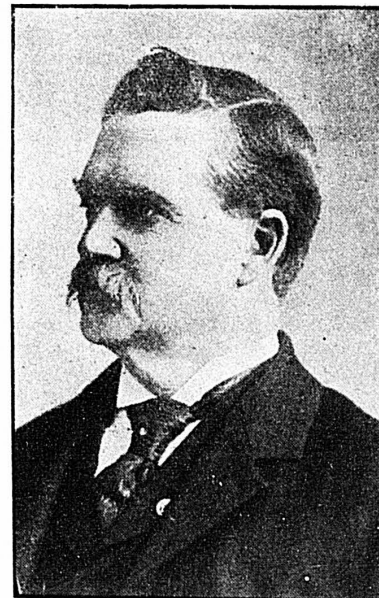
A. T. LORD.

In Business Longer Than Any Other Man in Town.

It only lacks three years of half a century since A. T. Lord started in the harness business and today there is no other man still in business here who was doing business at that time. He opened his first store in Feeley's building in October, 1864, and after six months there he moved to Moseley's building where he remained six years.

He moved to his present store on Main street in July, 1871, and Main street wouldn't look natural without him.

He has seen many changes in Thompsonville and there have been many in his line of business since he began. In those days harness was all hand made there was no competition

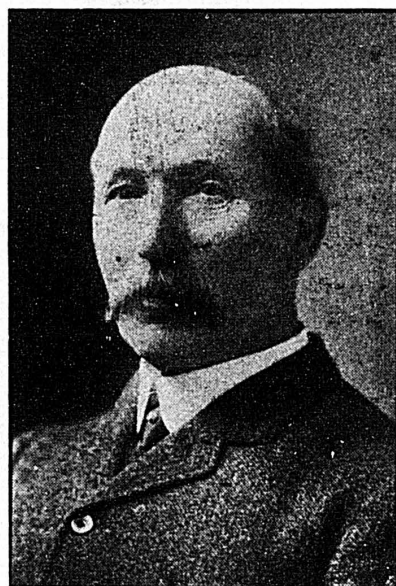


ALBERT T. LORD

with the more cheaply produced factory goods, and a harness was made to last.

However, Mr. Lord has kept abreast of the times and his business has grown continually. He has added trunks and bags and builders' hardware to his original line of harnesses, robes and blankets and as he has always done business on the sort of policy that makes a man once a customer always a customer he has prospered.

Mr. Lord has always been prominently identified with the town's affairs, among the offices he has held being those of grand juror, tax collector, justice of the peace and registrar of voters. He joined the Masons in 1871 and is a past master, having filled all offices of his lodge except secretary and treasurer. Mr. Lord was recently elected treasurer of the Presbyterian church of which he is a prominent member.



WILLIAM CALDERWOOD

business, and that was thirty-seven years ago, been given full value for their money and have received the most considerate treatment. "Once a customer always a customer" is a phrase often used, but seldom has it applied so thoroughly as in the instance of Mr. Calderwood's business.

Mr. Calderwood came to this country from Scotland endowed with the capacity for hard work and thrift, which is so characteristic of that country and he bought his present store, then a small grocery, and began business April 1, 1874. Some idea of the way he started business booming may be gained from the fact that he tripled the store's business the first month he was there. Since then it has continued to grow with great rapidity and is still at it.

Larger quarters were soon necessary and he enlarged the store as well as the business. He started with groceries and crockery and now he

THOMPSONVILLE LUMBER CORP.

One of the Really Big Industries of This Section.

One of Thompsonville's growing industries and at the same time one of its most substantially founded, is The Thompsonville Lumber corporation. Its history in the lumber business really goes back half a century, though it is about ten years old as a corporation.

The founder of the business was Theodore Pease, who established it

constant growth in business that has marked the course of this one during the past ten years and the credit must be given very largely to Mr. Stuart, under whose direction it has been in that time, first as the representative of C. P. Chase & Co. and more recently as a member of the Thompsonville Lumber corporation. His constant energy and up-to-date methods have kept it constantly forging ahead and his pleasant personality has won many friends for the corporation as well as for himself.

That he has come to Thompson-



FRANK A. STUART
President Enfield Business Men's Association

50 years ago, near Freshwater bridge, and it has been in its present location on South Main street for about 40 years. He was succeeded by T. Pease & Sons, and the business was then taken over by a joint stock company under the name of the T. Pease & Sons Co. A split occurred in the company and the present yard and business was continued by Henry Pease, who withdrew from the company. He continued it about eight years and at his death it passed to his widow who, after conducting the business for a year, sold it to the widely known firm of C. P. Chase & Co., of Springfield.

After three years under the ownership of that company the business was organized as The Thompsonville Lumber corporation, its present form, with the following officers: C. P. Chase, president; W. A. Fletcher, treasurer; F. A. Stuart, secretary. Mr. Stuart, who came here ten years ago when the business passed into the hands of C. P. Chase & Co., is in charge of the business.

Owing to its affiliation with C. P. Chase & Co., The Thompsonville Lumber corporation has all the advantages of being connected with a yard which carries \$75,000 worth of stock all the time and it has mill connections which enable it to fill all wants in a general house building line without delay.

Its own stock here in Thompsonville consists of a complete line of masons' supplies, including the sole agency of the Ivory Wood Fibre Plaster, made by the United States Gypsum Company. Incidentally it may be remarked that within the last four years the style of plastering has changed almost entirely to the wood fibre variety. Five years ago this concern was selling three tons a year and now it handles four or five carloads annually. The recognized excellence of the Ivory Wood Fibre has much to do with the increase in sales, undoubtedly.

The company's roofing department is another important feature of the business, too. It handles four or five of the best brands of roofing and

ville to stay is evidenced by the fact that he has built a house for his family residence on Enfield street. He is prominently identified with the business interests of the town, being one of the owners of The Thompsonville Hardware company, together with Mr. Chase and Mr. Fletcher, his associates in the lumber business, and he is a member of the Board of Trade and president of the Business Men's association. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Chase, the president of The Thompsonville Lumber corporation, is an active figure in Springfield business circles and besides being at the head of the big lumber company which bears his name he is president of the Springfield Board of Trade.

Mr. Fletcher, the secretary of the corporation, is the club man of the organization, being the president of Springfield's noted Colonial club and a member of several others.

THE THOMPSONVILLE HARDWARE CO.

An Up-to-Date Concern With an Exceptionally Large Stock.

Few towns of this size have a hardware concern of such scope as The Thompsonville Hardware Company, a partnership composed of the same gentlemen who are officers of The Thompsonville Lumber corporation, C. P. Chase, W. A. Fletcher and F. A. Stuart.

The company took over the hardware business formerly conducted by F. J. Parsons upon the death of the latter two years ago last October, and have made extensive alterations and improvements in the store since then. The stock has also been greatly enlarged and the business has shown a most gratifying increase.

The line includes hardware, wall paper, paints, varnishes, oils, glass and everything pertaining to the business and the store at 83 Main street makes a most favorable impression so excellent is the stock and so well it is displayed. Fred O. Dutton



THOMPSONVILLE LUMBER COMPANY'S YARD

the constantly growing demands upon this particular department is an evidence of the satisfaction it gives its customers.

Sash, doors and blinds are carried in great variety, as are all kinds of interior finishes, and a specialty is made of plate and window glass. The company also takes contracts for putting in the latter.

In addition to the lines already named the company handles a small line of hardware, a large line of nails and poultry wire and fencing.

Few concerns have enjoyed the

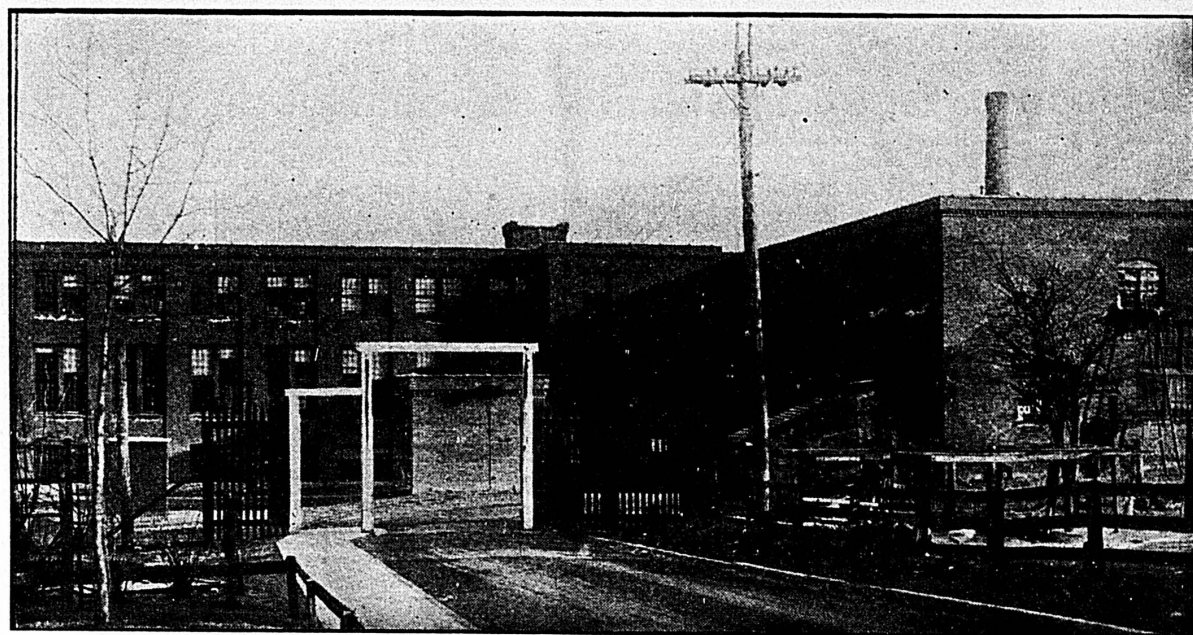
its manager, is a very well known local man who has many friends and who understands the business thoroughly.

The company does a great deal of painting, paper hanging and decorating by contract, J. J. Garrow, an expert in painting, being the foreman of that line.

Some of the special lines carried by the company include three famous white leads—Jewett's, Government and Hammar Bros.—and only the best of linseed oil and turpentine is handled. Colonial paint is

THE UPSON-MARTIN CO.

Important Axminster Industry Which Adds to Thompsonville's Carpet Fame



THE UPSON-MARTIN COMPANY'S CARPET MANUFACTORY

Established in 1902 The Upson-Martin Company has advanced rapidly in the carpet world until today it occupies an important position as a manufacturer of Axminster rugs of various sizes. While it is not one of the very largest concerns in its line in the country it is one of the foremost and if it continues to grow in the future as it has in the past it will soon equal the largest in size.

That this statement is in no way exaggerated may be realized when it is considered that the company has been in existence but nine years and during that time its output has increased about 70 per cent. Its products enjoy a most excellent reputation in the market and the men back of the company are undoubtedly among the best known carpet men in the country.

These gentlemen are Lyman A. Upson of Thompsonville, former superintendent of the Hartford Carpet company, and Henry G. T. Martin of New York, formerly of Reune Martin & Sons, the latter having been the New York selling agents for the Hartford Carpet company before a change in its ownership occurred. Both have been in the carpet business all their lives, Mr. Upson in the manufacturing end and Mr. Martin in the sales and designing department, thus making their combination an ideal one for the successful management of a new concern.

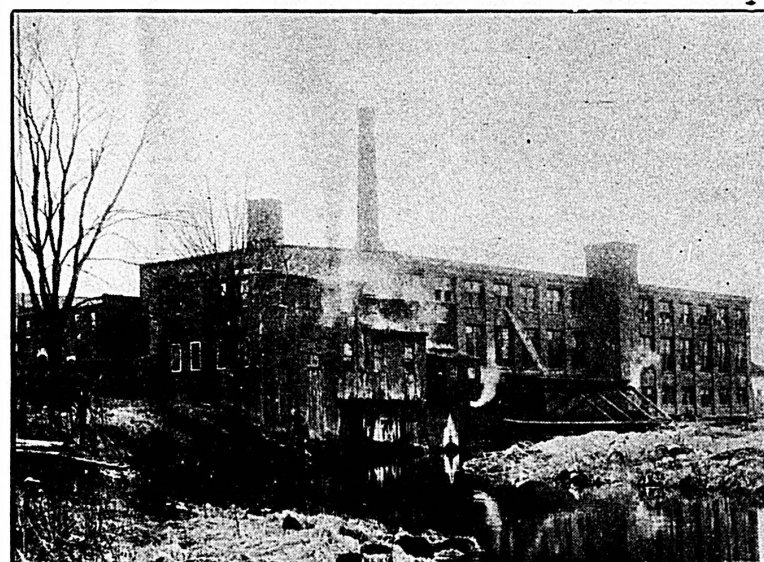
That it has been successful is evidenced by the growth which has been steady and rapid from the outset. When the company began business it took over the plant of the T. Pease's Sons company, which was engaged in the lumber, sash and blind business, and rebuilt it for the carpet business.

From that beginning the present factory at the end of Central street has grown, now occupying a floor space of 38,550 square feet with 50 looms and giving employment to 170 people. The original plant has had to be increased by new building and looms at frequent intervals and the continued increase in demand indicates the necessity for still further enlargement.

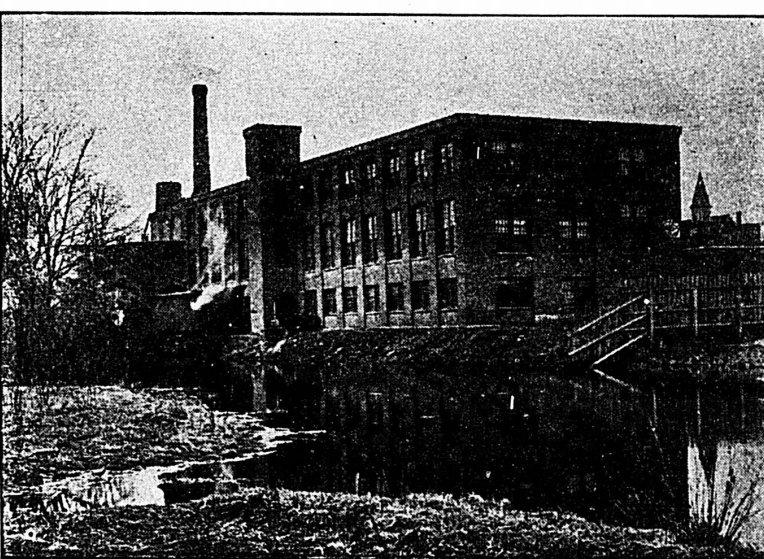
The management of the plant is under the direction of Mr. Upson, who spends his time there, while Mr. Martin directs the sales through George B. Swayn, 141 Fifth avenue, New York city, from the Upson-Martin company's New York office, the Hartford building, 41 Union Square, visiting the plant here at intervals.

another strong leader and has been for ten years, having been carried by the Thompsonville Lumber corporation up to the time its officers formed The Thompsonville Hardware company, when it was turned over to the latter. Monolac is another specialty that is giving great satisfaction, as is also Liquid Veneer.

The famous Clauss Shears, the old H. & B. hand-forged pocket-knives, the Torrey razor and strops, Adams & Whiting's big line of paint brushes, Russell & Erwin's hardware, Disston's saws, Underhill Edge Tool Co.'s and the Keen Kutter tools, Ford & Jennings' bits and such brands of wall papers as the Standard, S. A. Maxwell's domestic and imported lines and the Emden company's of New York are among lines representing a high standard of quality which are carried by the company.



UPSON-MARTIN COMPANY'S MILL



UPSON-MARTIN COMPANY'S MILL

FRED O. DUTTON.

Widely Known Business Man Who Deals in Real Estate and Insurance.

Fred O. Dutton in addition to being the manager of that wide awake enterprise, The Thompsonville Hard-



FRED O. DUTTON

ware Company on Main street, is also a real estate dealer and insurance man, and a notary public as well. He is particularly busy in the insurance line.

Mr. Dutton, furthermore, is a mighty well-known citizen who has been in Thompsonville since 1870, coming here from Augusta, Me. His business connections have been such

that he has always come closely into touch with the residents of the town and it is doubtful if any man in town has a wider circle of acquaintances and friends.

He was in the grocery store of L. H. Pease, his father-in-law, for six years; four years with Niles Pease in the furniture business; twelve and a half years with A. R. Leete in the same line and for six years in Springfield with the J. S. Carr Cracker company.

Following his connection with Mr. Leete he was in the real estate and insurance business for himself with an office on Main street, giving up the office when he became manager of The Thompsonville Hardware company.

Mr. Dutton's duties in the latter responsible position have interfered somewhat with his activities in real estate, though he is still in the field with an extensive knowledge of Thompsonville values, but he still gives much attention to the insurance business. He represents the Hanover Fire of New York, the Williamsburg City Fire of New York, The Citizens of Missouri, which is a branch of the old Hartford Fire, the Scottish Union of Hartford and The Holyoke Mutual of Salem. He also represents The National Surety company, supplying surety bonds of all kinds.

Mr. Dutton was chairman of the board of assessors for three years, a probation officer ever since the law was passed, up to Jan. 1, 1910, when he resigned, and justice of the peace. He is an Odd Fellow and an attendant at the Methodist church.

GEORGE L. NOBLE & SONS.

Manufacturers of Ammonia, Inks, Bluing, Brooms and Brushes.

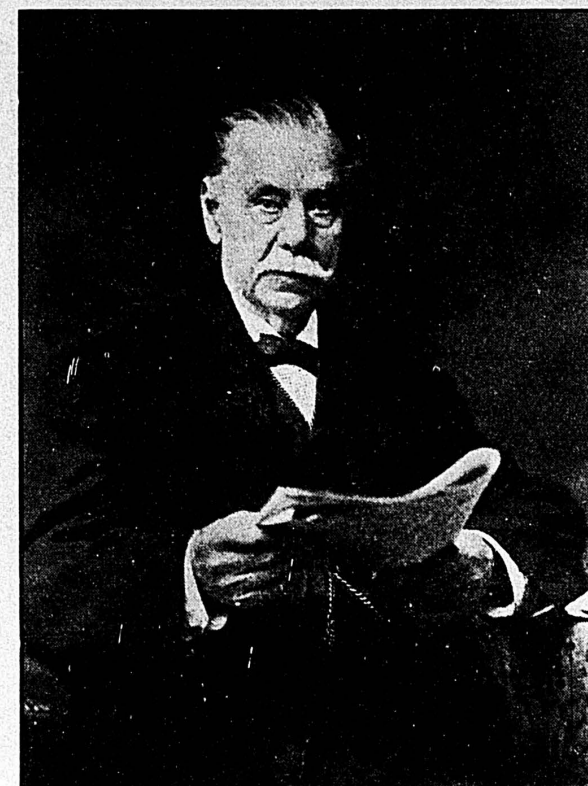
For forty-two successful years the business of George L. Noble & Sons, established in 1869 by George L. Noble, has been known to the trade of all the surrounding states and even more distant points for the high excellence of its product. Mr. Noble has seen it grow from a modest beginning and his own individual efforts, to a concern of importance in Thompsonville's manufacturing in-

M. J. LIBERTY.

Monument Works of Which Thompsonville Is Justly Proud.

That Thompsonville residents have no necessity or excuse for going out of town for monumental work has been well established by the very superior class of workmanship in that direction produced in great quantity by M. J. Liberty during his twenty-three years of business here.

He conducts his business on a large scale and is an importer and manufacturer of Scotch and American



GEORGE L. NOBLE

terests in the conduct of which he now has the assistance of two of his sons, William A. Noble and Charles Noble.

Mr. Noble, the founder of the business, was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, and came to this country in 1850 to take a position with the Roxbury, Mass., carpet factory, after which he came to The Hartford Carpet company. After several changes in the carpet business he entered the business of manufacturing ammonia, inks, bluing, brooms and brushes with his brother-in-law in New York and then came back to Thompsonville and established his present business in the same line. From the start it has grown steadily and rapidly, due to the energy of its founder and his assistants in the later years of the business, coupled with the unvarying excellence of its products.

Mr. Noble continues active in the management of his business and is counted one of the solid business men of the town.

William A. Noble and Charles Noble, the sons associated with him in business, were both born here and are widely known. Charles is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Noble also has three other sons, George, who is in the automobile business in Detroit; Augustus, who has a government position in Porto Rico, and Thomas, who is with the Amsterdam Broom company.

Mr. Noble himself is a Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows.

A. E. MANSEAU.

Well-Known Grocer Who Has Been Established for a Good Many Years.

A. E. Manseau, whose store on High street carries an excellent stock of groceries, tea, coffee, spices and everything else found in a first-class grocery store, has been identified with the grocery business in Thompsonville for almost a quarter of a century and naturally has a large acquaintance all over town.

Mr. Manseau came to Thompson-

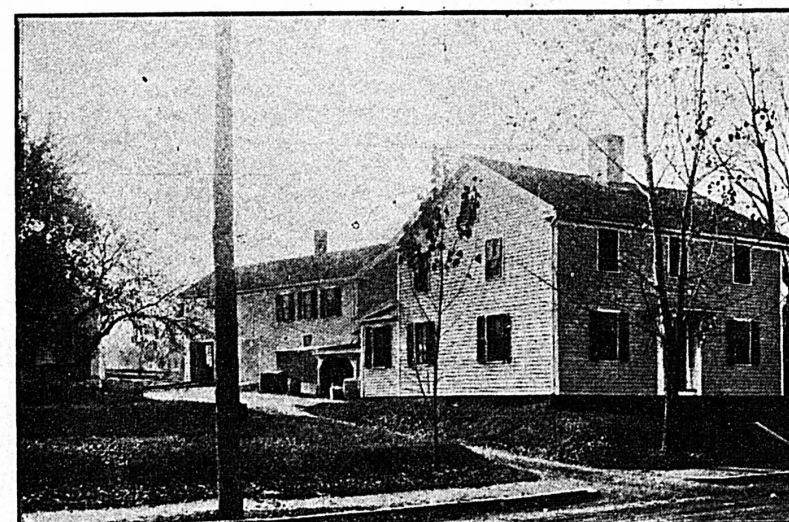
ville from Canada 22 years ago and went to work for C. J. Sullivan, with whom he remained for 12 years. Then for three years he was with James Carson and started in business for himself seven years ago in his present location.

With his many years of experience in the business Mr. Manseau is qualified to give his customers exceptional service and that he does so is evidenced by his continued business success. He carries a high-grade stock and serves customers all over town through a prompt delivery service.

Artistic productions in his line in great number testify to his ability, not only locally but out of town as well. One monument which has attracted much attention is that erected on the plot of the late Hon. J. L. Houston, a former president of the Hartford Carpet company and one of Thompsonville's best known men, designed in the sarcophagus style and executed in a masterly manner.

Others that may be mentioned include the handsome monument to the late Charles E. Price, a widely-known business man; the Quincy granite monument erected by Henry K. Martin, prominent in Grand Army circles, which is neatly lettered, with the Grand Army badge engraved on its face; the Quincy granite sarcophagus style monument erected to the memory of the late Mrs. George Wilson, wife of Deputy Sheriff George Wilson, on the Higgins family plot, and the handsome hammered Barre granite monument erected by Nathaniel Downton, another well-known citizen; a Barre granite monument of a strikingly artistic design for the family plot of George Maddock, one of the older residents of the town, and a very handsome family monument for the lot of William C. Baker, erected in memory of Mr. Baker's parents. It is of Quincy granite, highly polished.

Monuments from Mr. Liberty's works which have been the cause of much complimentary comment in the Catholic cemetery include the very fine sarcophagus monument to the late James Murphy; the beautiful all hammered Barre granite monument to the late William Mulligan, impressive in its simplicity and yet imposing in its beauty, with the cap ornamented with a cross and the name raised in relief on the centerpiece; the handsome cross of Western gran-



GEORGE L. NOBLE'S RESIDENCE AND SHOP

ite on the family plot of P. F. Hartnett and the Quincy granite cottage style monument on the family plot of J. F. O'Hear, noticeable for its graceful lines and artistic arrangement of lettering and emblems.

A handsome Italian marble tablet in St. Patrick's church and a marble holy water font are evidences of Mr. Liberty's skill and artistic taste, while still another instance of his superior workmanship is found in the tablet in the First church, erected to the memory of the late Dr. Adams.

THOMAS SAVAGE & SONS.

Sons of Well-Known Contractor Now His Partners.

Thomas Savage supplies another illustration of what can be accomplished by hard work and strict attention to business. He was born in Scotland of Irish parents and came to this country from Ireland when 4 years old—and he has been a good Thompsonville citizen ever since.

He attended school here and started to learn his trade in 1865 with Woodward Bros. He also worked for other builders and started in business for himself twenty years ago. Today he is one of the best known general contractors in building and repair work in this part of the state.

Among some of the larger contracts he has executed are the new Majestic theater, the remodeling of the Thomas Malley building, P. F. Burke's block on Whitworth street, O'Hear's block, C. J. Sullivan's new

**THOMAS SAVAGE**

Monitor block on Whitworth street, the Brainard building, additions to the parochial school and North school, a residence for F. A. Stuart of The Thompsonville Lumber Corporation and dwelling houses here and in Windsor Locks.

Mr. Savage is always busy. That is because his work is always satisfactory and because he makes good

**JOHN M. SAVAGE**

on all agreements. When Mr. Savage agrees to have a job ready at a certain time it can be counted on for that date.

In spite of his close attention to business Mr. Savage has managed to find some time to give to the town and has served as third selectman for three years. He is a member of Washington Irving council, No. 50.

**WILLIAM E. SAVAGE**

K. of C., and was its treasurer for fourteen years. He is also a grand knight and deputy grand knight. Mr. Savage is a member of St. Patrick's church and one of its trustees.

January 1 of this year Mr. Savage admitted his two sons, John M. Savage and William E. Savage, into partnership, the firm name being T. Savage & Sons. Both the sons have been associated with their father in the past and the success attained by the business is largely due to their energy and hearty co-operation.

THE THOMPSONVILLE HOTEL.

Entirely Renovated and Ably Managed by Abbott Lawrence.

Thompsonville has a hotel to be proud of and one deserving the patronage of the townspeople to an extended degree. The need of a first-class hostelry has been felt here for a long time, it being admitted that the lack of one placed Thompsonville in a secondary position, and when Abbott Lawrence took hold of The Thompsonville Hotel he proceeded to make it second to none of its size and location in the state.

He completely renovated the house from cellar to roof, making it a practically new house, and equipped it with gas, electricity, baths and other modern improvements. To its management he brought years of experi-

**THE THOMPSONVILLE HOTEL**

ence in first-class hostelries, having been a hotel man practically all his life and coming here from one of Pittsfield's best hotels.

He has been here about two years and a half and during that time he has won for his house an enviable reputation with the traveling public and particularly with automobile parties, many automobilists preferring the quiet and comfort of The Thompsonville Hotel to the more strenuous hotels of the larger cities in the vicinity.

There are 25 rooms in the house, all of them well furnished, large and comfortable, and particular attention is paid to the cuisine, the kitchen being equipped in a thoroughly modern manner and presided over by a chef who knows his business.

Mr. Lawrence's efforts to supply the town with such an up-to-date and thoroughly satisfactory hotel are certainly worthy of credit and extensive patronage.

Mr. Lawrence is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

G. V. BISSLAND & CO.

Progressive Business Women Whose Trade Is Increasing Steadily.

G. V. Bissland & Co., dealers in dry goods and notions, whose store in The Thompsonville Hotel block is widely known, provides another demonstration of the success often achieved by women in business, the members of the firm being Miss Grace V. Bissland and her sister, Miss E. Bissland.

They established the business in its present stand ten years ago and each year has seen a steady increase in patronage.

This is due in part to the large and superior quality stock carried, but also in a measure to the fact that it is essentially a woman's store. Naturally the Misses Bissland understand the wants of their feminine

**M. J. TRAVERS' OIL DELIVERY**

patrons much better than men would, and they make a specialty of ladies' apparel, lingerie, underwear, hosiery and similar lines.

The stock is a large and varied one and many a resident of Thompsonville has discovered that she can be served as well there as in the stores of the larger cities, getting at the same time the careful, courteous attention of the proprietors in person.

LOUIS GOOTNICK.

Proprietor of a Rapidly Growing Dry Goods Business.

It isn't every man who can develop a personal salesman's trade up into a bright, wide-awake store with a great future before it. That, however, is what has been accomplished by Louis Gootnick, whose well-stocked, excellently conducted store on South Main street is rapidly coming to the front as one of the most

enterprising in northern Connecticut.

Mr. Gootnick came originally from Springfield and for two years visited Thompsonville from that city, selling direct to people that he called upon at their homes. Such great values did he give them for little money that his trade grew rapidly and in March, 1910, he opened his store.

He carries a big stock of dry goods, notions, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings, skirts, children's dresses, capes, men's and boys' trousers, hats and caps, also innumerable articles that meet many wants. He still gives his customers unusual bargains and business continues to grow rapidly.

Mr. Gootnick has many friends and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

S. H. BODLEY.

Has Been in the Painting Business 34 Years and Has a Big Trade.

S. H. Bodley, painter, decorator, paperhanger and specialist in metal and canvas ceilings, was born in High Falls, N. Y., and came here with his father, J. J. Bodley, 36 years ago. They both worked for F. J. Parsons, Mr. Bodley starting two years after

**S. H. BODLEY**

his arrival here. In all he has put 34 years in the painting business, 20 of which he was Mr. Parsons' foreman.

After Mr. Parsons' death he started in business for himself, four years ago, establishing his headquarters at his home, 6 Russell street. He has had great success ever since, employing five to ten men the year 'round and having all he can do. He has had many large contracts and has

M. J. TRAVERS.

Oil Merchant Who Has Prospered in Spite of Obstacles.

At the age of 19, M. J. Travers arrived in the United States from Liverpool, England, where he was born, without a friend in the country; and he had just about as many dollars as friends. That was in 1889.

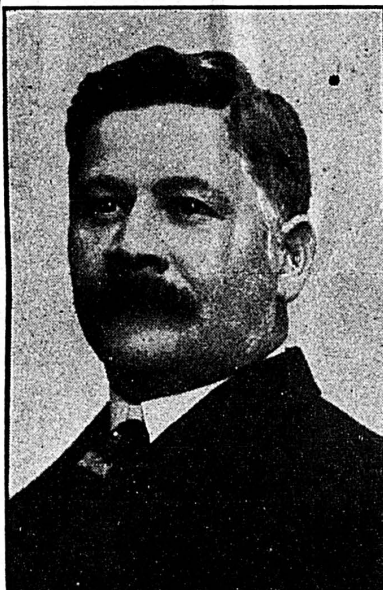
Today he is one of Thompsonville's most prosperous citizens with a big oil business which extends throughout this part of the state and to Hartford and its vicinity. He also has a well established business in automobile supplies which, this summer will take on the form of a big automobile garage and agency. He owns one of the finest apartment blocks in town, is a real estate holder in Springfield and lives in a fine ten-room residence which he built for his own use.

He came to Thompsonville because he believed a family which was acquainted with friends of his in England lived here, but when he arrived they had moved elsewhere. He went to work on the farm of A. H. Brainard and two years later went to work for Dr. Parsons. Then he started in the milk and vegetable business for himself with a team.

After 14 years in that business he bought out the Enfield business of the Consumers' Oil company, an independent concern, Thomas L. Hise of Springfield buying that end of the business about the same time.

Then came the fight with the Standard Oil company. It is all over now and Mr. Travers has no desire to renew memories of past unpleasantness but, briefly stated, it was a hard fought battle in which Mr. Travers had the opposition of a rival team and the Standard's local customers. In its course Mr. Travers was driven to retaliate in price cutting methods by starting in the grocery business and in that he cut prices so aggressively that he won out and opposition ended.

Now he has two teams which distribute oil in Enfield, Suffield, Longmeadow, Broad Brook, Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point. From

**M. J. TRAVERS**

Hartford another team covers that city, Glastonbury, Rockville, and Manchester. He does a tremendous business in kerosene and handles every other sort of oil that's known for household and commercial use, gasoline, alcohol, auto oils, floor oils and axle grease. He is the agent for this section for the Vacuum Mobil oil and numbers among his customers for his various lines many of the largest mill and factory concerns in this part of New England.

His first real estate venture was in the purchase of the Dr. Warren property on Maple street, with the lots adjoining north and south. He lived in the house then on the property for 16 years and three years ago built his present residence, which is thoroughly modern and equipped with electric lights and all conveniences.

About a year ago he moved the old house back some distance from its original site, continuing to rent it for a dwelling, and then built the handsome block on the corner of Maple street and Park avenue. It is named "The Maple" and adds greatly to the appearance of the thoroughfare upon which it is located. It contains six tenements with baths and all modern improvements, including heat. It is, with verandas, 54 feet long and 44 feet wide, with ample grounds.

Mr. Travers also owns two fine three-tenement houses in Springfield on Medford and Greenwich streets, which are also very desirable pieces of property.

He has recently remodeled a large barn on his premises on Maple street, making it into a thoroughly up-to-date garage. He has conducted a garage on a small scale for about four years but this will be much larger in every way, including sales room, repair shop and everything of that sort. He will handle tires and an extensive line of supplies.

Mr. Travers was married in October, 1896, to Miss Nora O'Neill of Thompsonville and has a fine family of five children, Mary E., James J., John J., Mildred E. and Harold. He is widely known throughout this section and very popular, his unfailing good nature and strict attention to business having won him many friends. He is a member of St. Patrick's church.

ENFIELD LUMBER AND COAL CO.

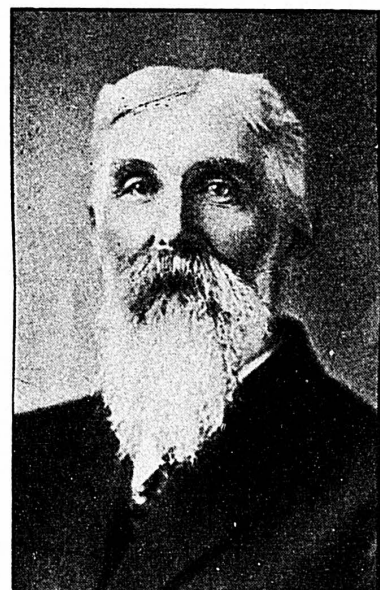
Successor to a Lumber Business Established Many Years Ago.

The business now conducted by the Enfield Lumber and Coal Co. was established originally by the Peases and is one of the oldest in town. It is also one of the largest. The business was bought from the Pease interests by Willis F. Bell who, in turn, sold it to the late Amos D. Bridge of Hazardville. Upon his death it passed into the hands of The Enfield Lumber and Coal Co., incorporated Dec. 1, 1907. Mr. Bell, who has an interest in the company, continued as manager, a position which he occupied during Mr. Bridge's

**THE ALLEN HOUSE, THOMPSONVILLE**

ownership, and which he still holds.

When the business passed into Mr. Bridge's hands coal and wood were added to the lumber and the company now also handles doors, sashes, blinds, shingle, builders' hardware and builders' supplies of all kinds, together with a large line of masons' supplies, lime, cement, hair, plaster, pulp plaster, sewer pipe and flue lining.

**WILLIS F. BELL**

The company carries a large stock and is possessed of exceptional facilities for buying right, thus enabling it to serve its customers satisfactorily in every way. It is peculiarly fortunate in the location of its yards at the end of Prospect street, they being on the main line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad with a side track which af-

**"THE MAPLE"—M. J. TRAVERS' APARTMENT BLOCK**

fords excellent facilities for unloading and receiving stock in an economical and convenient manner.

Mr. Bell, the company's manager, has been a resident of Thompsonville for many years, has an extensive experience in the lumber business and has many personal friends.

B. BECKER.

One of Thompsonville's new comers in the business field who is meeting with deserved success is B. Becker, a practical watchmaker and jeweler for fifteen years.

His store at 7 South Main street is well stocked with a fine assortment of jewelry, watches and clocks and he is particular to handle only goods of first quality. At the same time he

THE ALLEN HOUSE.

A House That Almost Never Has an Empty Room.

The Allen House at the corner of Asnuntuck and Prospect streets is undoubtedly one of the busiest hotels in northern Connecticut, as well as one of the best of its size.

It has been a hotel for over 25 years but before it was successfully established a number of proprietors ran it with indifferent success, some with no success at all. It was different, however, when Daniel Ready, brother of the present proprietor, took possession of it about twelve years ago. Mr. Ready, now deceased,

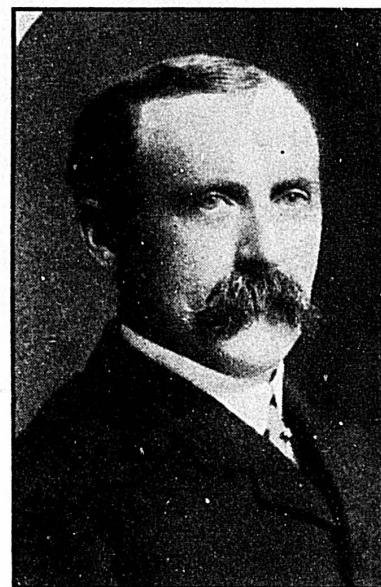
H. W. KING & CO.

Another Instance in Which the Clerk Became the Owner.

Since 1871 H. W. King has been selling groceries, boots and shoes, dry goods and notions at the same stand on South Main street and only one other man in town has been in business longer than he has. First as the boy in the store, then as clerk, manager, owner, he has seen the business and the town grow in corresponding ratio.

The store now occupied by H. W. King & Co.—his brother, Douglass King, being his partner—was established by D. F. Hayes in 1868 and he conducted it for four years, during which time H. W. King entered his employ for a term of one year. Mr. Hayes sold out to P. D. Willis, who wanted to retain but one of the two boys then employed in the store.

Here is where a fatalist might see Mr. King's career marked out for him. As his year was up the other boy was to remain. Mr. King stayed on a week to help. Before that week was passed the other boy died sud-

**HENRY W. KING**

denly and Mr. King remained in what was evidently intended to be his life's vocation.

Later Mr. King married one of Mr. Willis' daughters and upon the death of Mr. Willis in 1891 he became the manager of the business for the estate. Four years later he bought the business and his brother, Douglass King, who had come to work for Mr. Willis in 1877 became his partner.

The firm today is one of the leading business concerns in town, with a large and select trade, carrying a

**DOUGLASS KING**

stock of exceptional excellence and variety. H. W. King has been active as a citizen, filling the offices of grand juror, member of the board of relief and assessor, and for a good many years he was president of the Young Men's Christian association, his efforts on the behalf of that organization resulting in much good. He was also president of the Business Men's association for three years and treasurer of the Board of Trade for several years.

Mr. Douglass King is widely known personally and recognized as one of the town's leading business men with a host of friends. He is a Mason, a past master of his lodge.

JENKINS & MONSEAU.

Energetic Young Men Engaged in the Shoe Business.

Two young men who are making good as merchants while still working at their trade are Richard Jenkins and James Monseau. Under the firm name of Jenkins & Monseau they have a first-class shoe store in Mulligan's new block on High street, which carries an exceptionally good stock of high-grade shoes for men, women and children, including such famous makes as the Crawford, James Means, Waldorf and other widely-known advertised makes as well as a general line of everything in first-class footwear. Rubbers are carried in large quantities and, as with the shoe stock, quality receives first consideration.

Jenkins & Monseau started in business August 15, 1903, and trade has constantly increased with them from the start. They have gained the confidence of the public by giving the greatest possible values for the least prices and a satisfied customer they consider their greatest asset.

Their store is open evenings and Saturday afternoons and evenings.

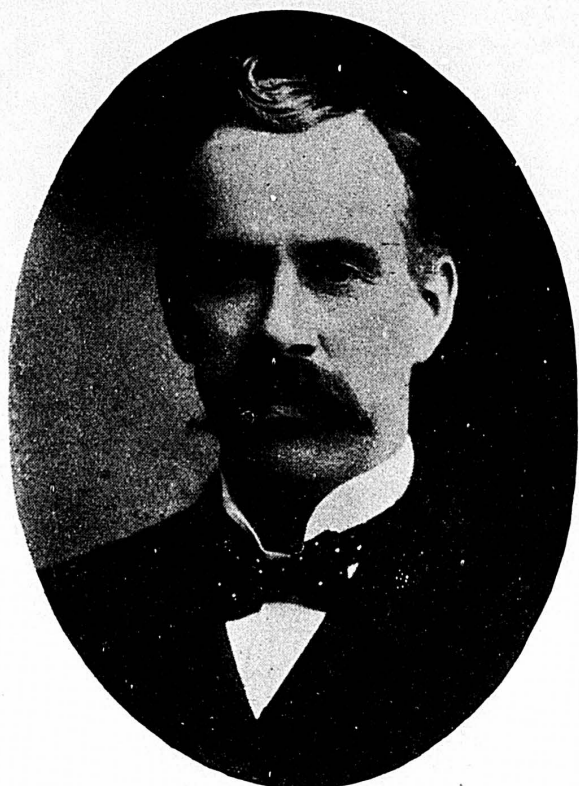
Both members of the firm are popular personally and Mr. Jenkins is a member of the Foresters of America.

WILLIAM T. WATSON.

Prospect Street Merchant Who Has an Exceedingly Fine Market.

William T. Watson, proprietor of the market at the corner of Prospect and Asnuntuck streets, supplies an excellent proof of the fact that close application to business produces success. Mr. Watson has been in the meat business for about 25 years, having been owner of his own market since March, 1890.

The first principle of business with Mr. Watson is Quality. Nothing but

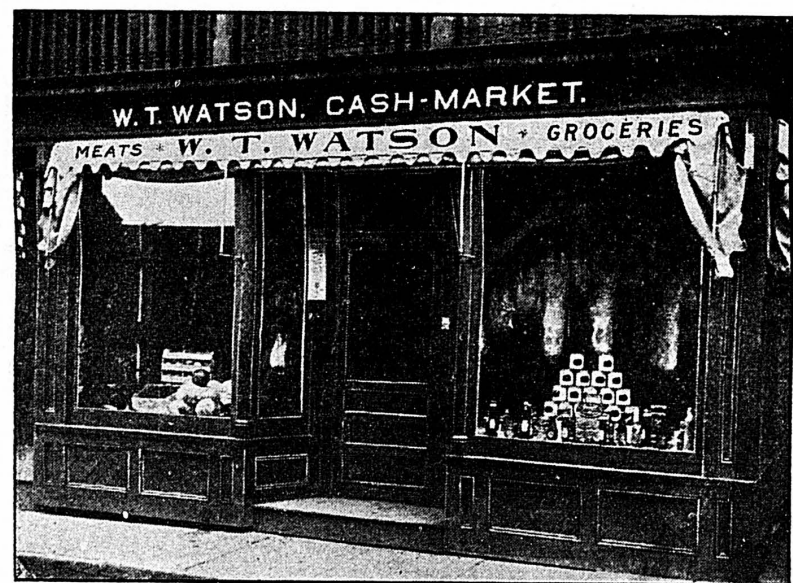


WILLIAM T. WATSON

the best is good enough for his customers and as a result he has an exceptionally fine class of trade. He carries an unusually large stock of everything the market affords in meats and vegetables and he has the right equipment to care for it properly, his market being supplied with all modern conveniences.

Naturally Mr. Watson has become

go to work for the late William Mulligan, founder of the business Mr. Browne now owns. He worked for him almost 20 years and learned the business in detail, including the undertaking business thoroughly. January 1, 1905, he bought the business and it has flourished in a remarkable manner under his energetic guidance ever since. Mr. Mulligan built the Mulligan block in 1899,



W. T. WATSON'S STORE

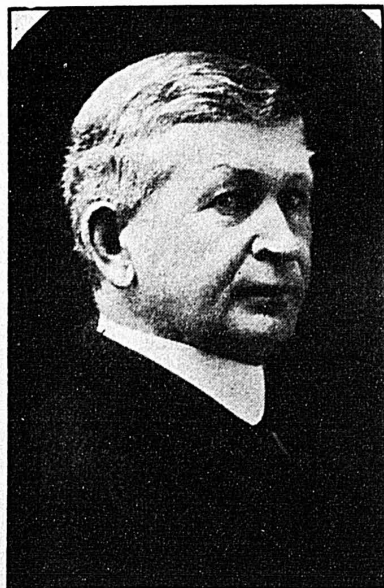
a very well-known citizen during his twenty odd years of connection with Thompsonville business and a popular one with a large circle of friends as well. His business is constantly growing and he has made good by sticking to it and maintaining at all times a high standard of goods and service.

Mr. Watson has erected a large addition to his building on Asnuntuck street, which greatly improves the property and provides much needed room for his business.

JAMES HUGHES.

One of Thompsonville's Prosperous Business Men and Prominent Citizens.

In 1886 James Hughes left his position as clerk with the Hartford Carpet company to accept a clerkship with the late William Mulligan. Today he conducts a large and prosperous house furnishing and undertaking business in the same store



JAMES HUGHES

on North Main street that Mr. Mulligan occupied at that time.

Mr. Hughes was born in Thompsonville and attended school here. After leaving the Hartford Carpet

J. FRANCIS BROWNE.

An Energetic Young Man Who Has Achieved a Remarkable Success.

One of the town's youngest business men and yet one of its foremost. That is the enviable position held in Thompsonville by J. Francis Browne, proprietor of the big and constantly growing housefurnishing store and undertaking establishment at the corner of South Main and High streets.

Mr. Browne's life has been one of cause and effect, with hustle as the cause and success as the effect. He was born here in town and left school when he was 16 years old to

of every sort with the Magee and Stamford ranges as special features, furniture, wall paper, rugs, carpets and matings for every other room in the house and, in fact, everything that enters into the complete furnishing of a home, even to the Edison phonograph and records.

Easy terms are extended for the benefit of customers, with the usual discounts for cash, and every facility is given to make trading easy and satisfactory in every way. An automobile and two single teams are used in the delivery service which extends all over the surrounding country, two trips a week being made to Somersville and all other towns being visited as frequently as required.

The automobile is also used very effectively in quick calls upon the undertaking department and this department is easily one of the most



J. FRANCIS BROWNE

important in the business, having all the latest equipment required and being noted for the very satisfactory service it renders.

A recent addition to Mr. Browne's establishment consists of a storehouse and barn erected on Cross street in a location very convenient to his business.

Mr. Browne also represents the Glens Falls, N. Y., Fire Insurance



J. FRANCIS BROWNE'S STORE

company and the Orient of Hartford, Conn.

It would hardly seem possible for

present large, light quarters so well adapted to the business.

The business was conducted by its



THE MULLIGAN BLOCKS

a man as busy as Mr. Browne to find time for anything but his personal affairs, but he is, however, a member of the board of selectmen, a justice of the peace, notary public, chairman of the democratic town committee and a member of the governing board of the Thompsonville Board of Trade.

He has also served the town very acceptably as a member of the board of relief and the school committee. His fraternal affiliations consist of membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Columbus and the A. O. H.

Business has grown steadily and rapidly and his stock has been enlarged in scope and size until today it is one of the largest and most comprehensive in town. He handles everything relating to housefurnishing, even to baby carriages, and including furniture, bedding, stoves, tinware, oil cloths, curtains, lamps, woodenware, glassware—in fact, everything that belongs to the line. The Crawford and Household ranges are a specialty. Easy terms of purchase are extended when desired.

Special attention is paid to the undertaking business, Mr. Hughes being a graduate of the Auguste Rennouard College of Embalming, of Brooklyn, and several others, and his equipment includes the most modern appliances.

Mr. Hughes is a member of the school board and has served as registrar of voters and on the board of relief. He belongs to the Business Men's association, the Board of Trade, the Knights of Columbus, the Enfield Agricultural society, the Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers, of which he has been treasurer for three years, and he is also treasurer of the A. O. H.

MURPHY'S CLOTHING STORE.

Thirty-five Years' Honest Dealing an Evidence of Business Integrity.

Thirty-five years of satisfactory service to the clothing buying public stands back of the up-to-date establishment conducted by John Murphy for the James Murphy estate, on Main street.

When a clothing house continues to prosper that number of years it is conclusive evidence that its service has been satisfactory. It means that its customers have received a value for their money which has led them to come back again and keep coming. The percentage of such clothing houses these days is small.



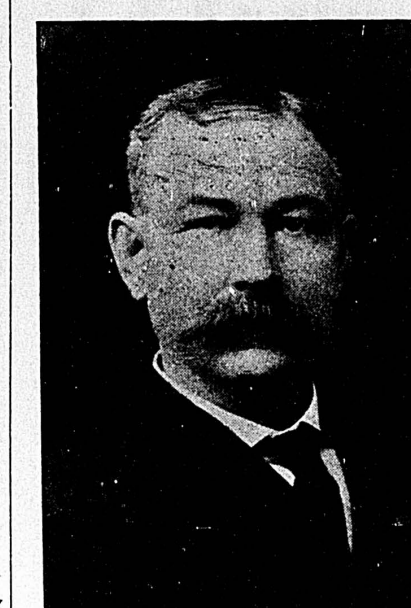
JOHN MURPHY

The business was established by James Murphy, father of the present head of the business, in Mulligan's old block, which was located next to the site of the present block bearing that name. It was conducted there for about five years when it was moved to its present location, though at first it used but half the premises it now occupies. Increasing business led to the addition of the adjoining store through the removal of the intervening wall soon after the change in location was made, giving it its

own goods rather than on advertised lines.

"If it's good enough to be in the Murphy store it's good enough to bear the Murphy name," he says and he stands back of the name every time with those thirty-five years of reputation for honest dealing. He carries a large variety of clothing, not only in styles, colors and patterns but in sizes as well, with special sizes for small men, stout men, tall and short men, thus assuring any man as perfect a fit as if he had his clothing made to his personal measure. Most of it comes from the leading Boston and New York makers, two cities noted for the better quality of their products.

In addition to men's clothing Mr. Murphy makes a specialty of boys' and children's apparel, paying particular attention to each season's



JOHN F. O'HEAR

novelties in styles and maintaining at all times, of course, the Murphy quality.

He is sole agent in Thompsonville for the famous Ralston shoe for men and Queen Quality shoe for ladies, the Gold Bond hat and the Hawes Von Gal \$3 hat and the Gold Seal rubbers. He carries a large line of other hats and shoes and a thoroughly up-to-date department of men's furnishings is another feature of his establishment. High grade trunks and bags are also carried.

In no other store is the union label more in evidence than at this one

J. F. O'HEAR.

The Man Who Built a Big Business and a Block.

O'Hear's block, one of Thompsonville's most modern buildings, located at the corner of South Main street in the heart of the town, stands as a monument to one man's persistency and energy. It is the home of Mr. O'Hear's business, as well as including the offices of others, and the business is quite as much of a testimonial to Mr. O'Hear's hustling proclivities as is the block.

And yet, when a Press representative asked Mr. O'Hear if he could spare time to tell something of his achievements he said it wouldn't take long and was apparently inclined to believe he hadn't accomplished much of anything. That is because he is as modest as he is capable.

Mr. O'Hear was born in Enfield and went West to the Black Hills section with a prospecting party from Springfield in 1876, when he was quite a youngster. He was there for two years and of his success in gold hunting he says, "Others did worse. We didn't lose anything, anyway."

For six years after that he was in Philadelphia after which he returned to Thompsonville and has made his home here ever since. His first venture in the mercantile line was when he joined Frank Adams in the grocery business twenty-seven years ago. Mr. O'Hear at that time established a millinery business in connection with the grocery business already conducted by Mr. Adams and they became partners. The store was located where the Catholic church now stands.

Two years later they dissolved partnership and Mr. O'Hear built a grocery store which formed the nucleus of the present block. Eight years ago this was enlarged by building on the back and three years ago the block was completed by the addition of the brick structure fronting on South Main street with its second story devoted to offices.

"And now I'm through," remarked Mr. O'Hear in commenting on his building operations. The probabilities are, however, that his business will continue to increase and his building operations go right on until his block reaches the altitude of the Singer building. For his business has been growing steadily and rapidly all the time. From his original grocery and millinery business he has grown to the ownership of a big general store where you can buy not



O'HEAR'S BLOCK.

and union-made clothing is handled almost exclusively.

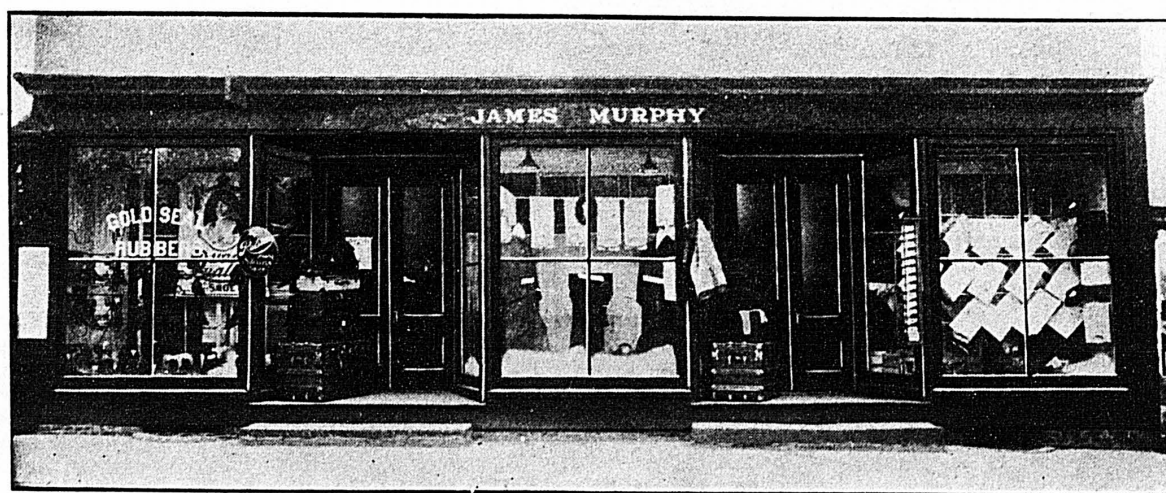
Naturally Mr. Murphy is a well-known citizen, having been so long identified with one of the town's leading business establishments and he has a host of personal friends. Political honors he has never sought, in fact he has shown an inclination to dodge them, and has devoted his attention solely to his business. How well he has employed his energies is testified to by the present condition of that business and its standing in the community.

In Doubt.

"Prisoner," said "the court" sternly. "are you guilty or not guilty?" "Now, judge," answered the defendant confidentially. "we's bof been th'oo dis here kin' o' business befo', an' you knows jes' as well as I does dar ain' no use o' me tryin' to answer dat kind o' a question tell de trial's over an' I finds out whether I's been lucky or not."—Washington Star.

No Extension.

"Is the wind due east or due west today?" asked an evasive creditor by way of changing the subject of his debt. "It's due now, and you'd better bustle to raise it," was the unfeeling reply.



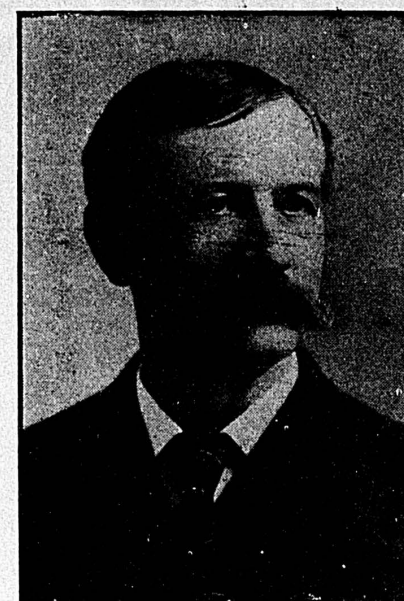
MURPHY'S CLOTHING STORE

HUNTER & CO.

Successor to John Hunter, First Handler of Newspapers in Thompsonville.

The name of Hunter is associated with the very earliest days of newspapers in Thompsonville and, in fact with the other lines of business now conducted by Hunter & Co. on Main street.

Hunter & Co. consists of the two daughters of John Hunter, Mrs. A. H. Thorp of Thompsonville and Mrs. J. B. Herchel of New York, the business having been incorporated under that name upon the death of Mr. Hunter five years ago. Mr. Hunter's son, Fred Hunter, supervises the in-



JOHN HUNTER

terests of his sisters, though taking no active part in the management, that being in the hands of J. W. Hallam, who has been connected with the business off and on for 25 years.

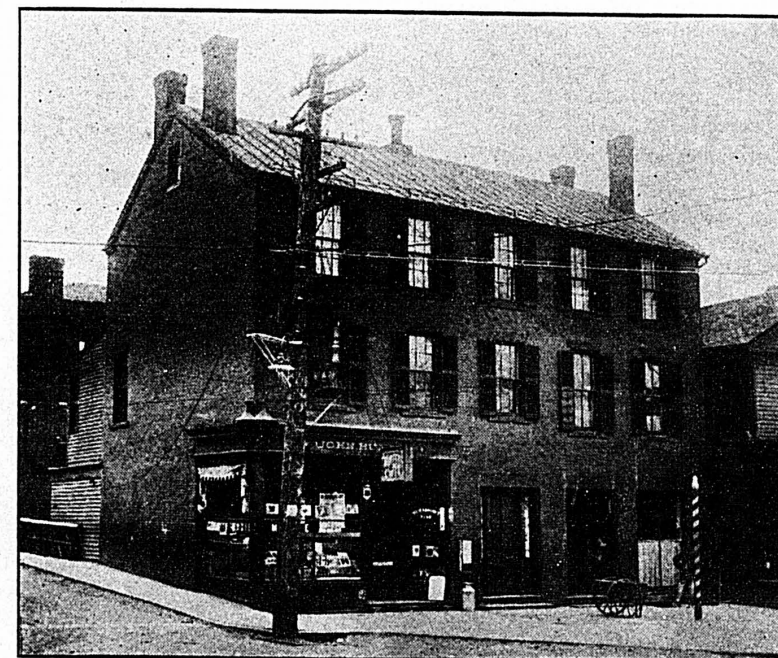
The present business was established by John Hunter, but his father was in the same business before him, so the family is really the pioneer in the line. John Hunter started his store while his father was still in business, occupying a little store on Main street. When David Harrison bought the land on which the store was located and built a block on it in 1865 Mr. Hunter bought the building which contains the present store and the business has been there ever since.

His line consisted of newspapers, books, stationery, fruit, confectionery, tobacco and cigars and he acted as steamship agent as well. As the business increased the line was enlarged somewhat and the manufacture of ice cream was added, that now being one of the important features. The unusual excellence of this product and its known purity created a great demand for it and the store is a favorite place for lovers of that delicacy during the hot weather. Careful attention to the wants of the patrons in the other lines and the maintenance of a high standard of quality as well as service has gained for the store a most enviable clientele of customers and the business continues to grow steadily.

Mr. Hallam, who is now the active manager of the business, began his connection with it in 1884 when he entered Mr. Hunter's employ. After several years there he entered business for himself in the grocery line and conducted a store successfully for 12 years.

He was back with Mr. Hunter in 1890, however, and has been an important factor in the business ever since, becoming its manager upon Mr. Hunter's death. His complete familiarity with all its details fitted him perfectly for this position and that he is filling it ably is very evident from the continued success of the store.

The new patient had been put to bed by the nurse. Upon waking he inquired: "Phwat did ye say the



THE HUNTER BLOCK

on his hands, Mr. O'Hear runs a fourteen-acre farm, one of the best in the vicinity and so centrally located that it will be a fine building lot site some day.

He has also held several town offices, having been a member of the board of selectmen for four years and serving on the board of relief for a term. He has been through the chairs in the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Woodmen of America. Individually he is very popular and one of Thompsonville's best known men.

doctor's name was?" "Doctor Kilpatrick," was the reply. "That settles it," replied the sick man. "That doctor will not git a chance to operate on me!" "Why not?" asked the nurse. "He is a good doctor." "Maybe so, but not for me—you see my name is Patrick."

Miss Peach—"Now, senator, look me straight in the face and tell me if you don't think we women should have the vote." Senator (gallantly)—"The eyes have it."

THE THOMPSONVILLE WATER COMPANY

Thompsonville's water system is one of which the community is justly proud. The Thompsonville Water company has been supplying the town for 25 years, and throughout that quarter of a century its service has been thoroughly satisfactory, a record of which few water companies can boast and one for which its policy of keeping abreast of the times in equipment and service is responsible.

The Thompsonville Water company was organized in 1885, due principally if not wholly to the

idle, might be induced to take hold of the matter. Negotiations were promptly and successfully completed with them and the company was at once organized.

Originally the water was procured from the springs near the present pumping station but they were insufficient after a few years to supply the demand and the company about 11 years ago extended their principal supply pipe up to the head springs of the Pierce brook, about 4,000 feet to the northeast of the pumping station. When the addi-

INDUSTRIAL ENFIELD

The Thompsonville Press desires with this special industrial issue to draw local and outside attention to conditions in our town which offer reason for congratulation. There has been a strong temptation to exalt the historic or social connection of the place and a rather surprising reticence concerning our commercial and mercantile advantages. As if a high degree of mechanical efficiency were something to be spoken about guardedly when one could boast of ancient lineage and noble descent, some of the citizens of the town have allowed the rapid strides taken during recent times to pass without sufficient notice. Indeed, it is possible that many of us have kept within the narrow confines of our chosen exclusiveness and are not in touch with the history that is being made at our very doors. To such and to all others we recommend a study of the pages which tell of our industrial progress. Such a study will reveal not only the marvelous record which has rushed our town into the

front rank of prosperous communities, but it will serve the better purpose of showing the possibilities which await instant development.

While it is true that a single corporation has done much to advance the town, it is not in any sense true that we are a single-company locality. When it is feared that a reverse to carpet business might deal serious injury to the town, it is forgotten that the people find employment in as many diverse occupations as there are different trades.

The splendid natural advantages; the improved railroad facilities; the proximity to large centers of population; the unexcelled trolley accommodations; the geographical situation which creates the attraction that draws our smaller neighbors towards us, all these advantages render the future so secure that it but needs the energy of the citizens to assure Enfield limitless growth and unmeasured prosperity. While the corporations have done and are doing their share, the citizen body must co-operate by encouraging the gentle-

men who have staked so much upon the trust that our town has a future.

Naturally this co-operation will take the form of defending the larger concerns against demagogic attack and unjust discrimination, while the home firms have a right to ask that the patronage of the town will not be carried off into foreign territory. What is required most of all is a local pride which will urge every member of the community to be interested not merely in one phase of our multiple existence, not in social, religious, family life to the exclusion of civic and industrial concern, but that each agency and all elements which promote universal advance will receive universal attention.

The Press, therefore, brings to the notice of the people of the town the splendid achievements of industrial Enfield that all may be spurred to new and greater effort. In thanking those who have aided us in producing what must redound to the credit of the town we feel that all the citizens are indebted to our generous patrons.

W. J. M.

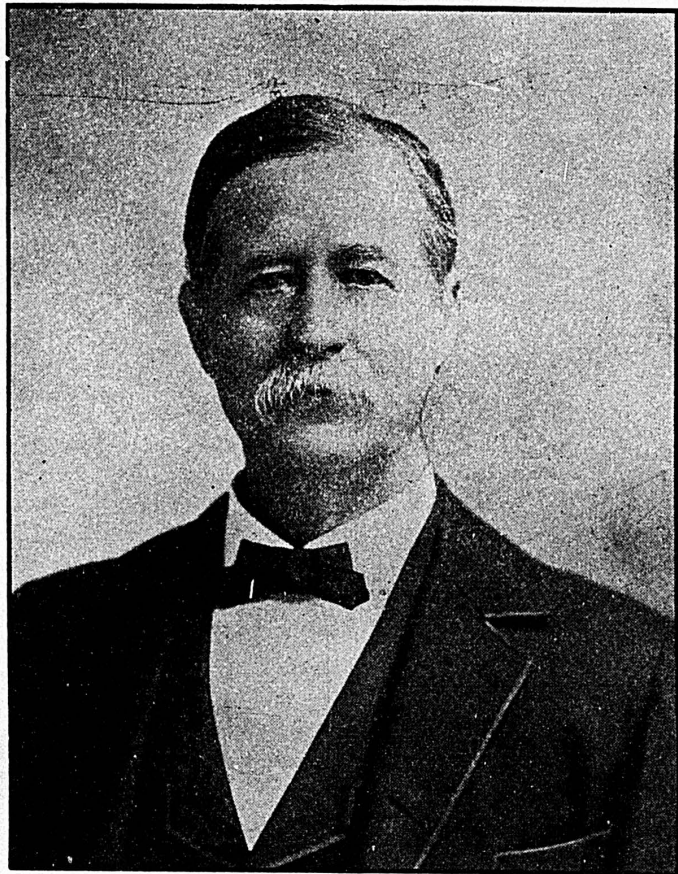
THOMPSONVILLE WATER CO. (Continued)

The company had about 12 miles of pipe laid when it started and now it has twice that much. When first organized it supplied only Thompsonville and Enfield street as far as the present reserve standpipe. A few years later upon the solicitation of the residents of Enfield and King streets, also Warehouse Point in East Windsor, the service pipes were extended to supply these places. A little later, upon application of East

To facilitate the operation of the duplicate pumping system originally installed many additions to the plant have been made, the south end addition having been put up for the new engine about 17 years ago and the north end for increased boiler and coal room 10 years ago.

The number of fire hydrants supplied by the company when it first started was 14. Now there are 90 and they are constantly increasing.

It is evident, from the excellent service given by the Thompsonville Water company that it is a corpora-



JUDGE CHARLES H. BRISCOE
President, The Thompsonville Water Co.

efforts of Judge Charles H. Briscoe, and the first board of officers was as follows:

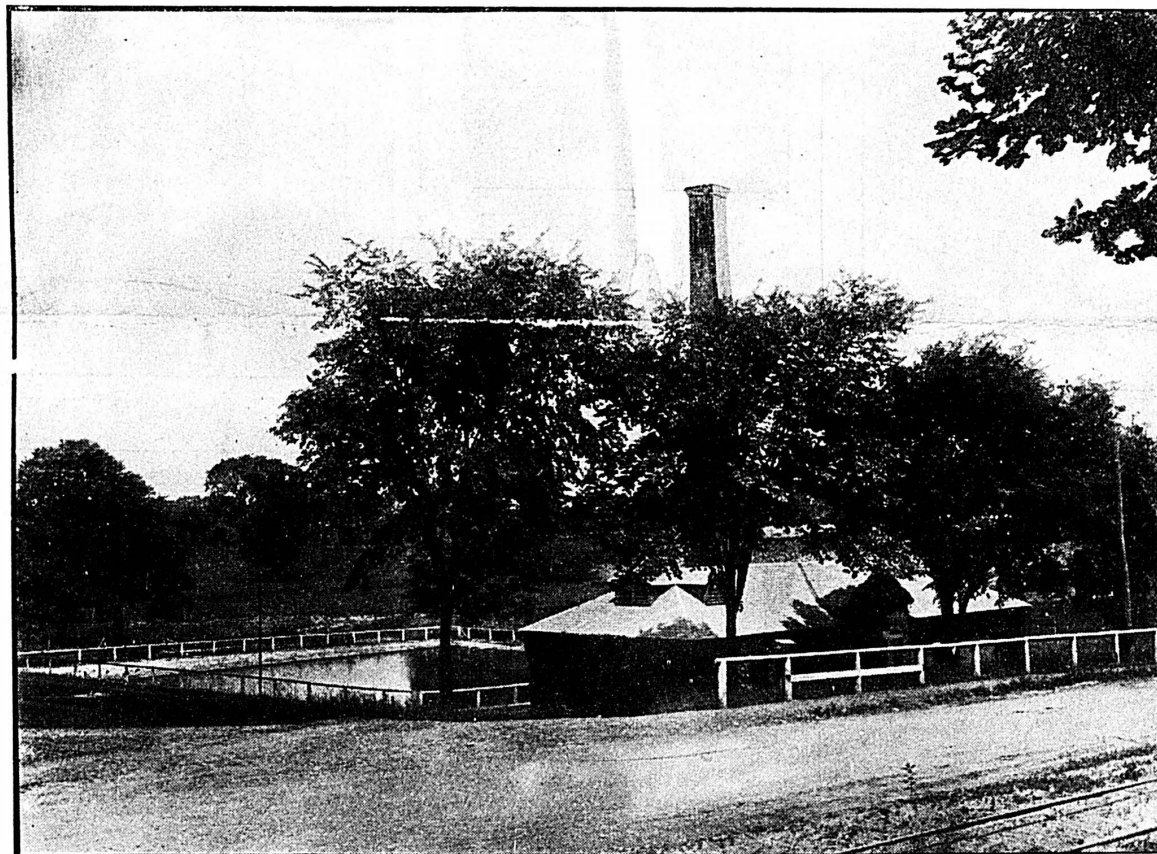
Charles H. Briscoe, president; William Birnie, treasurer; L. H. Pease, secretary; C. L. Goodhue and George Barber, directors.

It was only six months after the company's organization that water was first turned on, George F. Cooper, brother of the present superintendent, being the superintendent at that time.

Local capital was not great and local capitalists were reluctant to en-

tional supply was connected the reservoir was paved with a fine cement bottom and faced with brick walls. From this reservoir the water is pumped into the town pipes, the capacity of the reservoir being about 900,000 gallons and that of the reserve standpipe on Enfield street being 376,000 gallons. At present the pumping station is pumping 18 hours a day and has a capacity of a million and a quarter gallons a day.

At the beginning the company had but one pump and one boiler. Now the system is duplicated so that in



PUMPING STATION AND RESERVOIR



CHARLES H. WILLSON
President, Thompsonville Board of Trade

Suffield residents pipes were extended to that portion of Suffield on the west bank of the river.

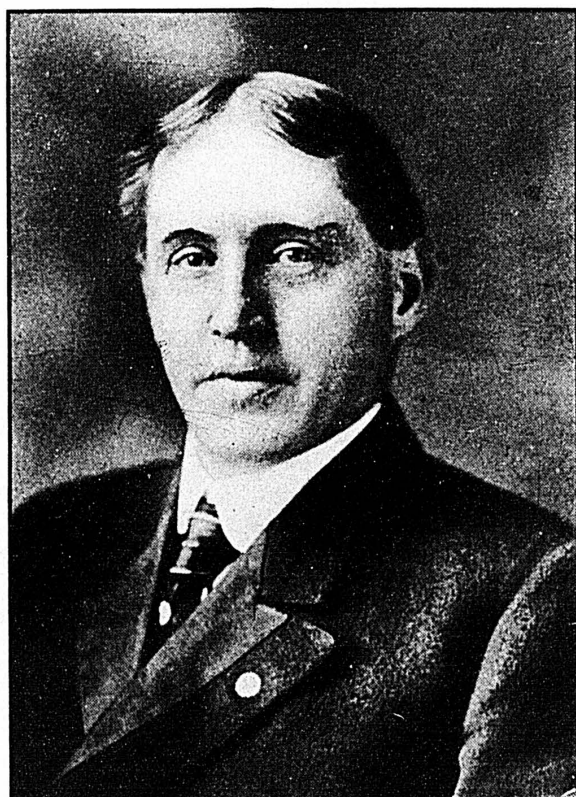
Improvements to keep the system up to the highest state of efficiency are being made all the time. The company recently put in a new 12-inch cast-iron pumping main for use in case of a break, extending almost to the standpipe on the top of the hill just east of Enfield street. This will be continued until it reaches that spot.

Including the new main on Main street and the new pumping main the

tion with the interests of the community at heart, something not often encountered in public service corporations.

The present officers are as follows: Judge Charles H. Briscoe, president; C. L. Goodhue, treasurer; Marvin C. Birnie, acting and assistant treasurer; Dr. B. H. Thornton, secretary. The board of directors is composed of the officers and H. R. Cooper, the superintendent.

Superintendent Cooper, who has been with the company almost since its inception, came here from the



DR. B. H. THORNTON
Secretary, The Thompsonville Water Co.

gage in this enterprise. While negotiations were going on with a Philadelphia firm it was ascertained by Judge Briscoe that Goodhue & Birnie, of Springfield, Mass., contractors who made a specialty of installing water systems and who had a high reputation in that line, had just completed a system in Revere, Mass., and that they, being temporarily

the event of a breakdown the second pump can be started and the supply kept up without delay. They were installed by the Deane Steam Pump company of Holyoke, the first engine having a capacity of one million gallons a day and the second, one and a quarter millions.

(Continued in Column Six.)

THE THOMPSONVILLE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

Southern New England Telephone Company's Modern Equipment Supplying Excellent Service.

Nothing more clearly indicates the business and social growth of a community than the growth of its telephone system, and how fully the old service had outgrown by the demands upon it in Thompsonville is indicated by the rapid increase in the number of telephones since the new common battery exchange has been established here by the Southern New England Telephone company.

Previous to the establishment of the new exchange, in the Brainard block on South Main street, Enfield and Somers depended on the Windsor Locks exchange for its service and, while every effort was made to give the best possible service, it was only natural that it should be inadequate and unsatisfactory at times. The exchange really had all it could do to attend properly to Windsor Locks alone and the need for a separate exchange for Enfield, in order to give the best service in this latter territory, became apparent.

Just how great the demand for the service in the new exchange would be, however, nobody realized. Since

it has been established the number of circuits has been increased 100 per cent., the increase in the number of calls has been 115 per cent., while the toll business has grown 200 per cent.

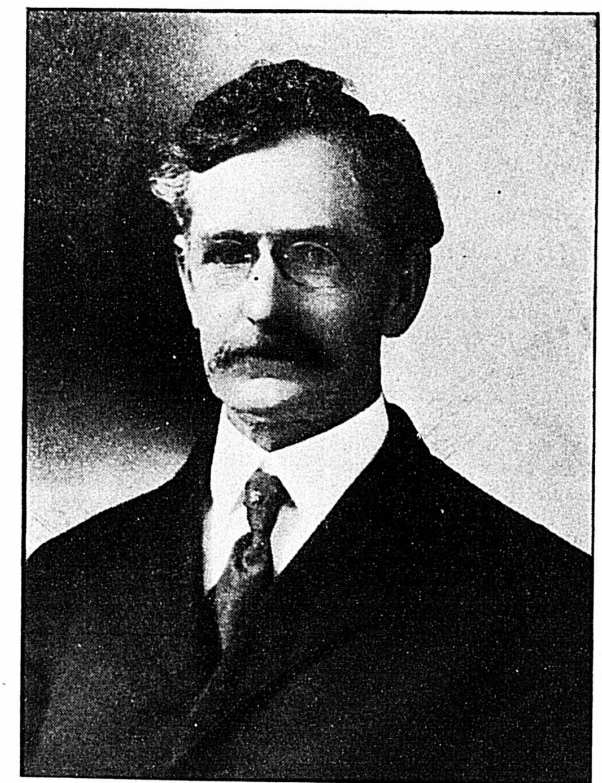
The increase in the efficiency of the service has been even greater than the increase of business and today the people of Enfield and its vicinity are enjoying a telephone system which compares favorably with that of the largest cities and equals that of any community of its size in the country. The equipment of the new exchange is of the most modern type and the competent operating force of eight operators and two supervisors is under the able direction of George C. Rising, who has been manager of the Windsor Locks exchange for 15 years and is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the field. He still retains the management of the Windsor Locks exchange and under the improved conditions both are giving most excellent satisfaction.

When the company opened its exchange in Thompsonville it was determined to give its subscribers a modern plant in every respect and to

that end the latest type of switchboard was installed and the common battery system replaced the old magneto one by which it was necessary to ring a bell when giving a call. Now it is merely necessary to raise the receiver from the hook when the signal light at the switchboard notifies the operator of the call. Then, too, there is no battery at the stations to get out of order and a much better service in every way is achieved.

The exchange has been established with a view to future demands as well as present ones so that the increased business already evidenced can be satisfactorily cared for as well as any future growth.

That the improved service is appreciated is evidenced by the fact that when the exchange was opened it had 502 subscribers, while three months have shown a gain of 41 new subscribers with no effort on the part of the company to solicit new business. That the increase in subscribers and business will continue is a foregone conclusion and Thompsonville has occasion to congratulate itself on having such a thoroughly modern telephone service as the new exchange provides.

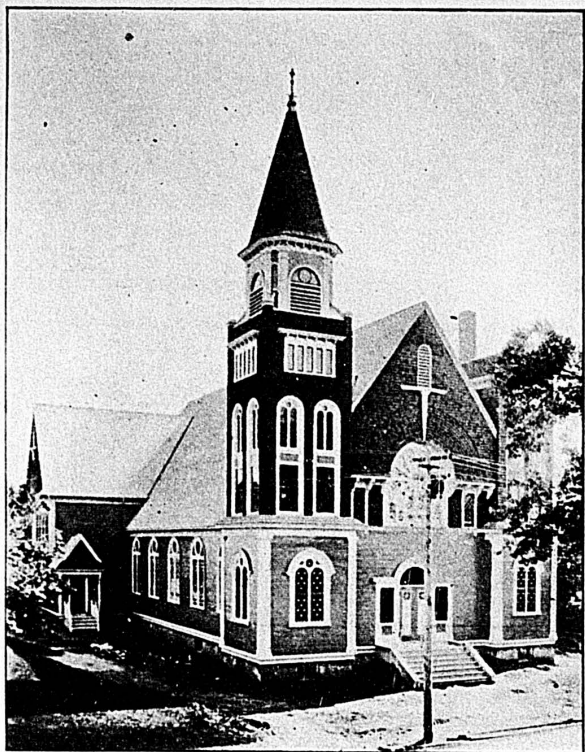


HENRY R. COOPER
Superintendent, The Thompsonville Water Co.

Thompsonville Water company has expended about \$16,000 in improvements during the past year.

Enfield is particularly fortunate in its water supply, it being obtained from springs which are considered among the best in the state, and the state board of health has pronounced it exceptionally good for all domestic purposes and of rare purity. The daily consumption averages from 800,000 to 1,000,000 gallons.

Revere, Mass., works, where he had been chief engineer. He was born in Agawam and made his home in Springfield for about 25 years, originally learning the plumber's trade, which has been of great assistance to him in his later occupations. That he has proven a most efficient superintendent is evidenced by his long term of office and the satisfactory service supplied by the plant under his direction.



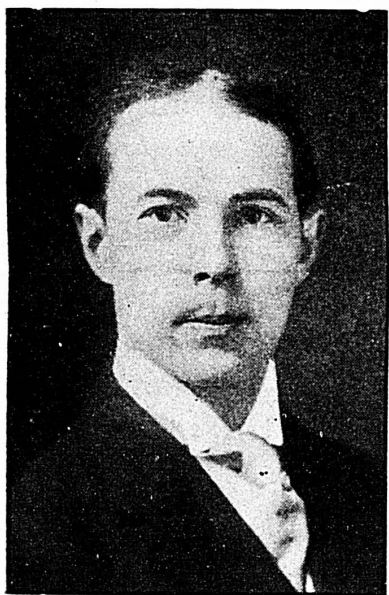
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WILLIAM LANDRY.**Progressive Young Business Man Meeting With Great Success.**

One of Thompsonville's wide-awake young men who has recently started in business for himself is William Landry, proprietor of the new and decidedly modern gents' furnishings store in the Hunter block on Main street.

Mr. Landry was born in St. Joseph, New Brunswick, Canada, and was educated there. He came to Thompsonville with his parents nine years ago, finding his first employment in the carpet mill, where he remained for three years.

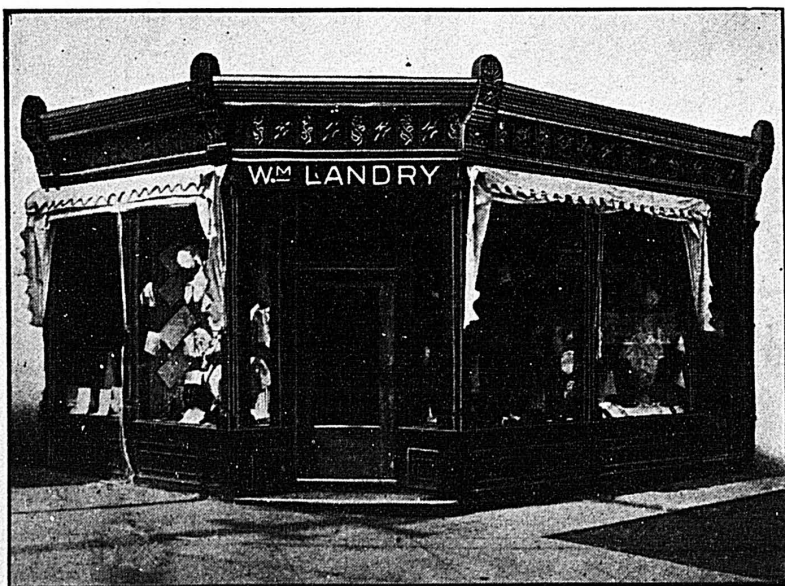
Mr. Landry then entered the employ of John Murphy as salesman and learned the clothing and furnishings business thoroughly. A few months ago he embarked in business for himself and from the success encountered so far it is evident that his business is destined to increase rapidly.



WILLIAM LANDRY

Everything in the line of furnishings is to be found in his stock and quality is his keynote, notable brands found there including the famous Cluett shirts, Arrow brand collars, Adler gloves, Hawes von Gal hats, B. V. D. underwear, the Princely shirt, several superior makes of fine neckwear and other lines of similar quality. Trousers and overalls are another feature of the store and it is Mr. Landry's intention to give exceptional value for a moderate price.

Mr. Landry has made many friends during his residence in Thompsonville and is deputy grand knight of Washington Irving council, K. of C., recorder of L'Assumption society, recorder of St. Jean Baptiste society, and is a member of Artisan Canadian Francais. He has also been through the chairs of the latter society and is a member of St. Patrick's church.

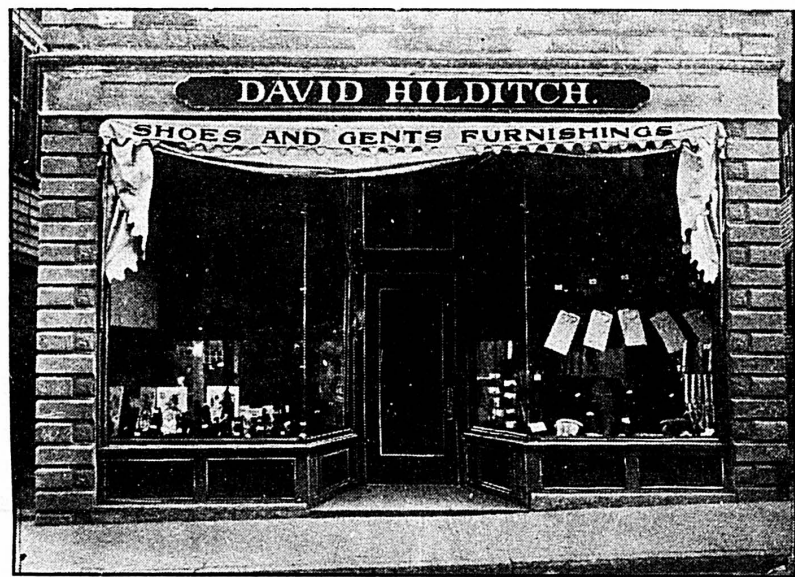


WILLIAM LANDRY'S STORE

MRS. FANNIE CHAMBERS**An Expert in Hairdressing, Massage, Manicuring, Chiropody, Etc.**

Residents of Thompsonville, unlike the people of most towns of this size, do not have to go to the larger cities for satisfactory service in those little luxuries of the person which are today considered absolutely necessary for a proper appearance and even to health.

During the six years Mrs. Fannie Chambers has had her parlor established here she has given ample proof that she is an expert in the line of hairdressing, shampooing,

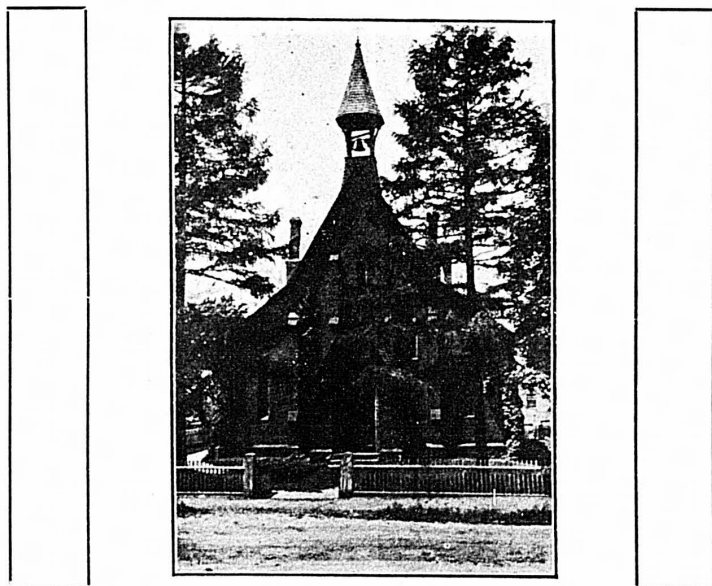


DAVID HILDITCH'S STORE

manicuring, massage, chiropody and all kindred arts, and as a result she has a large and constantly growing clientele of customers.

She also deals in hair goods of all sorts, and one may obtain anything desired in that line at her cosy parlors at 91 Main street.

Before coming to Thompsonville she was with Mrs. Whitney's widely known hair dressing parlors in Springfield, and since locating here she has made many friends as well as customers.



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DAVID HILDITCH.**The Successful Successor to a Long Established Business.**

The name of Hilditch has been associated with the shoes and furnishings business in Thompsonville for a great many years. The business now conducted on South Main street by David Hilditch was established in 1876 by his father, William Hilditch,



DAVID HILDITCH

one of Thompsonville's first and most important business men.

The store was then located on Main street opposite from the railroad station and the business was conducted there by the present owner's father until his death in 1902, when it passed into the hands of David Hilditch.

In 1907 the business was moved into more modern quarters in the building which Mr. Hilditch had erected on South Main street. It has flourished in its new location as it did

ment of that nature. An additional feature is a gentlemen's furnishings department.

The store itself is a large, well-lighted and handsomely equipped one, a balcony workshop having been recently added.

Both Miss Gorman and Mr. Gorman are natives of Thompsonville and widely known. Previous to entering business here Mr. Gorman graduated from the New York Business college and then worked 12 years for John O'Hear. He is widely known and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the A. O. H. He has been a registrar of voters for the past four years.

DANIEL J. BROWNE.**Popular Young Man's Success in Business for Himself.**

That the members of the Browne family in Thompsonville take as naturally to business as the proverbial duck to water has been well demonstrated. The latest recruit to the ranks of Thompsonville business men is Daniel J. Browne, who has established a thoroughly up-to-date house furnishing and undertaking store at the corner of North Main and Russell streets, the building having been completely remodeled and transformed into a thoroughly modern store by Mr. Browne's brother, J. Vincent Browne, who bought the property for that purpose.

He has a full line of furniture, stoves, crockery and general house



DANIEL J. BROWNE

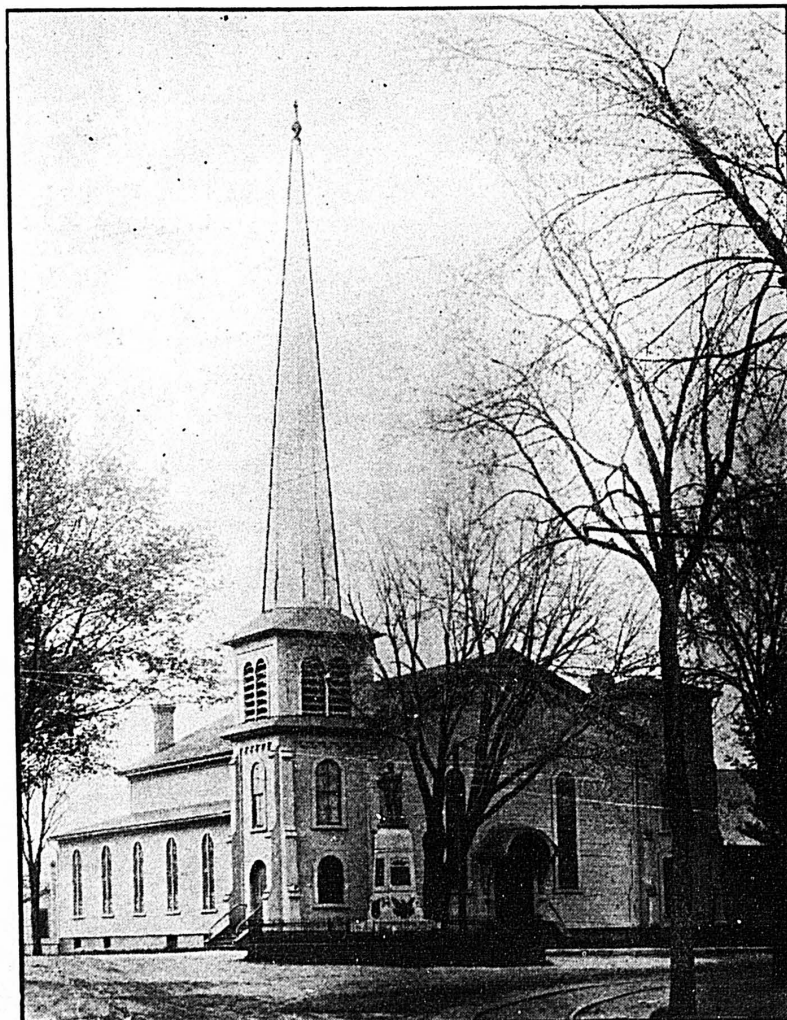
furnishings of a high grade and the all new stock is of the very latest styles and designs. He sells for cash and upon easy terms and the business is conducted upon the policy that the greater satisfaction a customer receives the longer he will continue a patron.

The store front has been lowered to the sidewalk level with two fine corner show windows and the entire equipment is right up to date. Mr. Browne is thoroughly familiar with the line, having entered the employ of his brother, J. Francis Browne, upon his graduation from college.

Particular attention is given to the undertaking business and Mr. Browne is fully equipped with everything necessary to the successful conduct of that business.

The business has proved an unqualified success since its beginning about a year ago and it is destined to be an influential one in this section.

Mr. Browne is one of the best known young men in town, is prominent in the affairs of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Woodmen and is a town auditor.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

C. L. HAMILTON.**Proprietor of a Fine New Grocery Store on South Main Street.**

One of the neatest, most modern grocery stores in Thompsonville is the new one recently opened in Brainard's block, South Main street, by C. L. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton is a native of Thompsonville, having been born and



CLARK L. HAMILTON

educated here, but spent a portion of his time with the Colonial Paint works at Brooklyn, going from there to Springfield, where he was employed in the big grocery house of Rood & Woodbury.

Mr. Hamilton's experience with that company is reflected in the excellence of his own establishment. His stock is of an exceptionally high grade, catering to the very best class of trade, and his prices are moderate. In addition to the staple lines he carries a fine line of fancy gro-



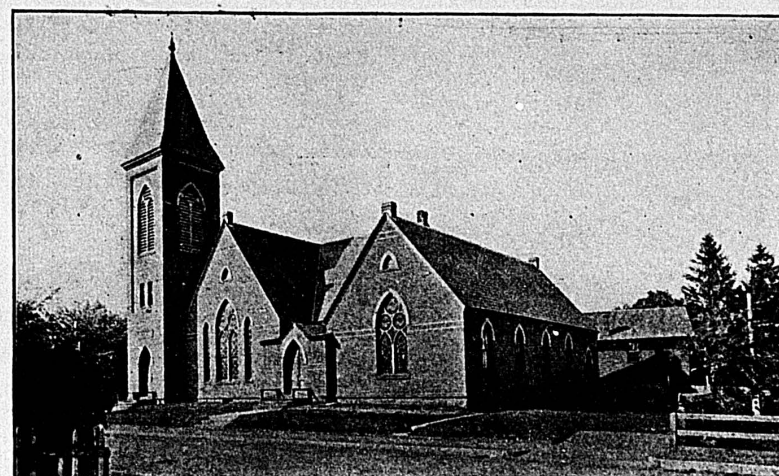
DANIEL J. BROWNE'S STORE

ceries and delicacies not usually found in the ordinary grocery. A prompt delivery service places his line within the reach of all, regardless of location.

DE BARBIERI BROS.**Busy Dealers in Confectionery, Fruit, Ice Cream and Similar Lines.**

The well stocked, widely known store of De Barbieri Bros., successors to Musante & De Barbieri, Main street, has become one of the foremost of its kind in this part of the state within the past 10 years, and carries the best of fruits, nuts, confectionery, ice cream, cigars and kindred lines. So successful has the business been that it has been necessary to enlarge the store several times since its beginning.

Their success is due wholly to giving their customers an exceptionally high grade of merchandise and the



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

most courteous of treatment. They would rather lose a sale any time than give a customer something that wasn't going to prove satisfactory. They carry a large stock and keep it in the finest condition all the time.

A special feature of their business is the ice cream, they being manufacturers and having one of the largest ice cream parlors in town. The quality is such that they do a rushing business in that delicacy throughout the season. Their soda fountain is another popular feature, being right up to date and serving only the purest and finest beverages.

Both members of the firm are pop-

J. VINCENT BROWNE.**Progressive Plumber Who Has Advanced Rapidly Within Short Time.**

Six and a half years ago J. Vincent Browne started in the plumbing business in a small building which was originally a barn on Church street. During the time that has elapsed he has built a shop, large and thoroughly equipped, on the corner of North Main and Russell streets and has also recently bought the McConn place on the northwest corner of the same street, just across from his shop, and this he has remodeled into a fine store for the use of his brother, Daniel J. Browne.

That is "going some" within such a short time. But not only has his property increased but his business is still growing rapidly. His line now consists of plumbing, steam fitting, heating, gas fitting, tinning and general jobbing and he accounts for the rapidity with which his business grows by the satisfaction which he

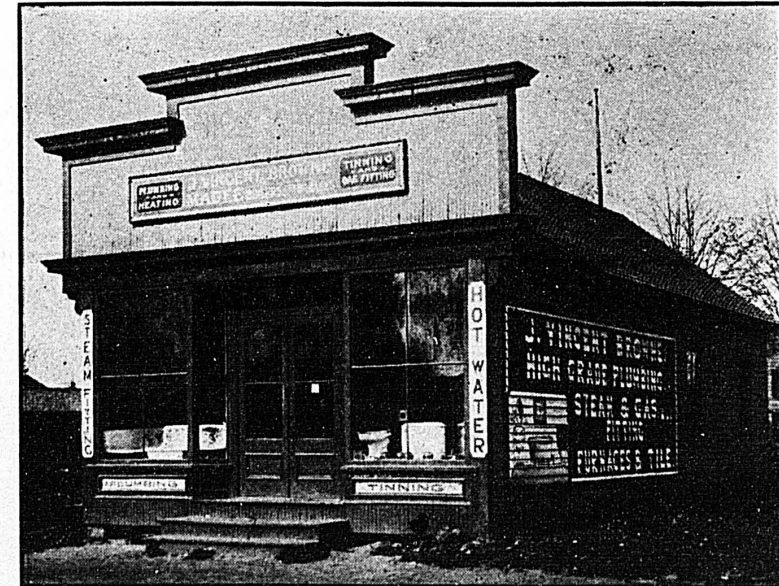


J. VINCENT BROWNE

has given customers in all these lines. Mr. Browne is essentially a hustler; that's one of the characteristics of the Browne family, and when a man wants an estimate on a job he gets it from Browne for the asking in record breaking time—and that helps a lot when a man is in a hurry.

Strict attention to business is one of Mr. Browne's first principles and a contract in his hands turns into work accomplished with remarkable rapidity. He also makes Quality a feature as well, believing that work well done is his surest claim to future business, so on the whole the man who picks him to execute a plumbing, heating or any other similar contract is sure of a satisfactory result.

Mr. Browne has been too busy to bother with politics, is widely known personally and very popular with a wide circle of acquaintances. He is a member of the Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus.



J. VINCENT BROWNE'S SHOP

M. E. GORMAN & CO.**A Large Dry Goods and Millinery Store From a Modest Beginning.**

The handsome dry goods store and millinery establishment conducted by M. E. Gorman & Co. on South Main street had its origin in the millinery business which Miss M. E. Gorman began in O'Hear's block 17 years ago. It was continued by her until eight years ago when a partnership was formed with W. E. Gorman.

At that time the present store was opened as a first-class dry goods store in connection with the millinery and today it is easily one of the most pretentious of its kind in Northern Connecticut. A large and varied stock is carried which embraces everything in the way of dress goods, ladies' wear, notions and everything else found in an up-to-date establish-

WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN.

One of Thompsonville's Youngest but Most Prominent Men of Affairs. Although one of its youngest citizens Prosecuting Attorney William J. Mulligan is one of its most prominent, being identified with both its business and political affairs. Mr. Mulligan is the son of the late William Mulligan, who for thirty years was one of the town's most

WILLIAM MULLIGAN

William Mulligan was born in East Windsor, Conn., April 11, 1849, and died in Thompsonville, December 29, 1906. At the age of 19 he first came to Thompsonville, where he served a tinner's apprenticeship of three years to the late David Woodruff. To succeed to the business was no doubt far from his thoughts at that time,



WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN

prominent business men and who has left the mark of his ability indelibly impressed upon the community, having been one of the progressive spirits in the town's upbuilding and advancement.

Prosecuting Attorney Mulligan was born here and after attending the public schools entered Williston seminary from which he graduated in 1901. His graduation from Yale Law school in 1904 followed and he was admitted to the bar the same year, at once opening his present office in the Mulligan block on South Main street.

for immediately after finishing his apprenticeship he found employment at his trade with Cheney Brothers of Manchester, Conn.

In 1872, while living in Manchester, he came over to Thompsonville to marry Miss Fanny Agnes Browne, to whom he had become engaged during his apprenticeship. He was ambitious to get into business for himself and soon afterward formed a partnership with Hugh Carney, and the firm of Mulligan & Carney started a tinning business in Windsor Locks.

Mr. Carney became discouraged,



WILLIAM MULLIGAN

He has been very successful in his chosen profession and was appointed prosecuting attorney of the town court in 1909, an office which he still holds. He has shown marked ability in handling the business of that position and further advancement in the judicial field is confidently predicted by his many friends.

Mr. Mulligan is also prominent in fraternal affairs, being state deputy of the Knights of Columbus for Connecticut, and he is a member of the Foresters and the Modern Woodmen, Hartford lodge of Elks and The Connecticut Editorial association. He also holds membership in the Calumet club and the Enfield Country club.

In the business affairs of the town Mr. Mulligan takes a keen interest, as did his father before him. He is clerk of the local Business Men's association, director in the state association, and a member of the Board of Trade. He is also treasurer and secretary and a director of The Advance Printing and Publishing company.

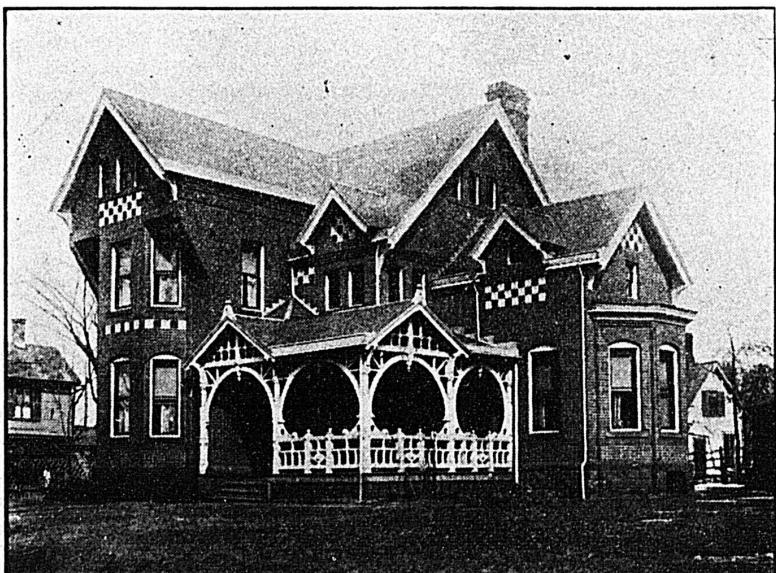
but Mr. Mulligan knew no such word as failure and when a year later Mr. Carney retired from the partnership Mr. Mulligan determined to continue the business alone. This he did until 1877, when there came an opportunity to buy the business of the late David Woodruff in this village, where Mr. Mulligan had served his apprenticeship.

It was for him a big undertaking, a very big one, involving obligations that would scare most men and which even at best would require years of hard work. But he determined to do it and certainly no man in Thompsonville ever worked harder or more bravely for the success that came to him.

He took roofing contracts not only here, but for miles around, even in cities like Springfield.

Later a plumbing shop was established, then an undertaking department, and the kindly courtesy of his manner soon made it the largest in this section of the state.

In 1898 he planned and built the



MRS. FANNIE A. MULLIGAN'S RESIDENCE

Mulligan block, to which he removed his business in 1899. It became one of the largest housefurnishing establishments in northern Connecticut. Later Mr. Mulligan sold his plumbing business to S. L. Mitchell and the housefurnishing business to J. Francis Browne, who had been with Mr. Mulligan for twenty years. Mr. Mulligan served the town on many occasions and in various offices with the same faithfulness that he conducted his own business. As selectman, and superintendent of the board of sewer commissioners he was particularly active and of real service to his fellow citizens.

In benevolent and fraternal societies, as well as in the business organizations of the town, Mr. Mulligan was a generous worker. He was vice-president of the Thompsonville Board of Trade and an active member of the Enfield Business Men's association. For many years he was vice-president and director of the Enfield Electric Light company. He was a charter member of the local division, Ancient Order of Hibernians and of Washington Irving council, Knights of Columbus.

From a business point of view, the example of William Mulligan, whose recent death is so deeply regretted, in making his investments in his home town is worthy of emulation by business men who have the welfare and interest of their own town or village at heart. Mr. Mulligan demonstrated his faith in his own village, as also his excellent business ability, by making his investments right here, his two fine business blocks, together with tenement buildings, being listed on the assessors' books at a value higher than any other individual of the village, and second in the town only to the late Amos D. Bridge.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES.

One of Thompsonville's Young Men Prominent in Town Affairs.

Among the younger men of the town who have taken an active interest in public affairs and to whom a considerable amount of credit is due for the promotion of matters of interest to the mercantile and industrial life of Thompsonville there is none who has done more through the medium of the press than has William J. Hughes.

Mr. Hughes is a native of Thompsonville and, like many other young men of the village, was obliged to leave school at an early age and for many years he was employed in the carpet mills. By devoting much of his spare time to study at home he fitted himself for work of another character and after his retirement from the factory he accepted a position as assistant cashier in the R. D. & Robert E. Spencer bank, where he remained until a few months previous to the closing of that institution.

Mr. Hughes has since been associated with his brother in the house furnishing business on North Main street. In connection with his duties at the store he has succeeded in building up a large fire insurance agency and he has been the Thompsonville correspondent for the Springfield Republican for the past



WILLIAM J. HUGHES

ten years or more. His work in the latter capacity has been exceptionally able and his weekly letters on current matters of interest are widely read.

Soon after attaining his majority Mr. Hughes was selected by his fellow citizens for membership on the Enfield board of assessors and has succeeded himself for several terms. At the last town election he was honored by the democrats with the nomination for the three years' term as assessor and despite the large majority accredited to his opponent, Mr. Hughes with the aid of his friends in both parties, was elected by a safe majority. His long practical experience on the assessment board and his thorough familiarity with the clerical duties has made him a valued member of that body.

Mr. Hughes has also been active in the fraternal and social life of the village and bears the titles of past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus and past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He has a membership in the Thompsonville Board of Trade, the Union Agricultural society, the Society for the Detection of Thieves and Robbers and various other organizations.

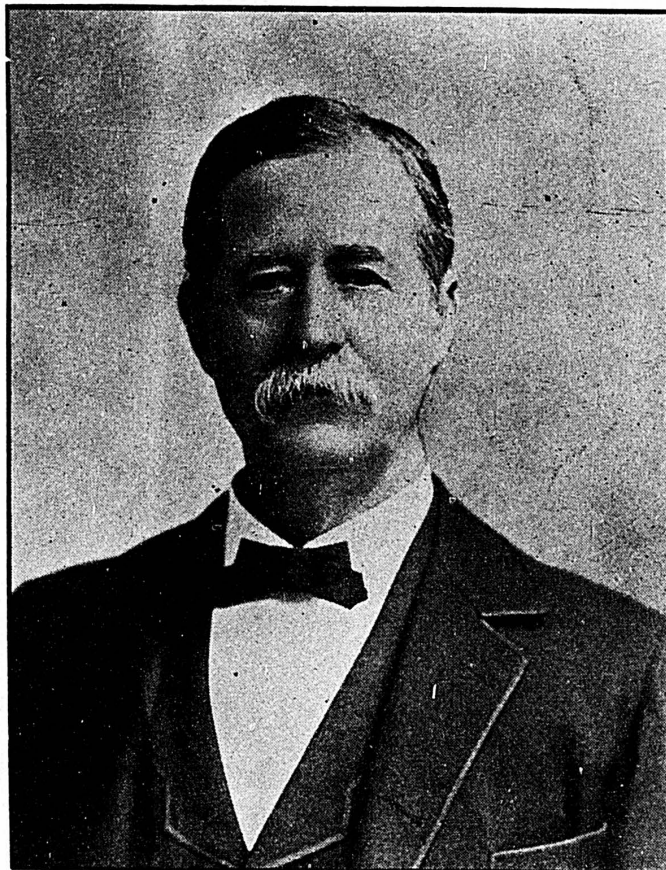
JUDGE CHARLES H. BRISCOE

Prominently Identified With Thompsonville's Industrial and Civic Development.

Thompsonville owes much in its advancement from a small village to a modern community to the efforts of Judge Charles H. Briscoe, one of the prime movers in its town affairs and an early worker for municipal betterment.

Judge Briscoe organized the Thompsonville Water company in 1885, secured its charter and was instrumental in putting it on its feet after several years of earnest endeavor, during which time he was practically alone in carrying the enterprise. He was also the originator of the Enfield Electric Light and Power company, securing the charter for it. He was actively engaged in its establishment and was a director in the company for several years. He also procured the charter for the Suffield and Thompsonville Bridge company and was its president for many years until his resignation.

Judge Briscoe, with J. Warren Johnson, after strenuous and powerful opposition, procured the charter for the Enfield and Longmeadow Street Railway company, now a part of the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company, and was its vice-president and a director during

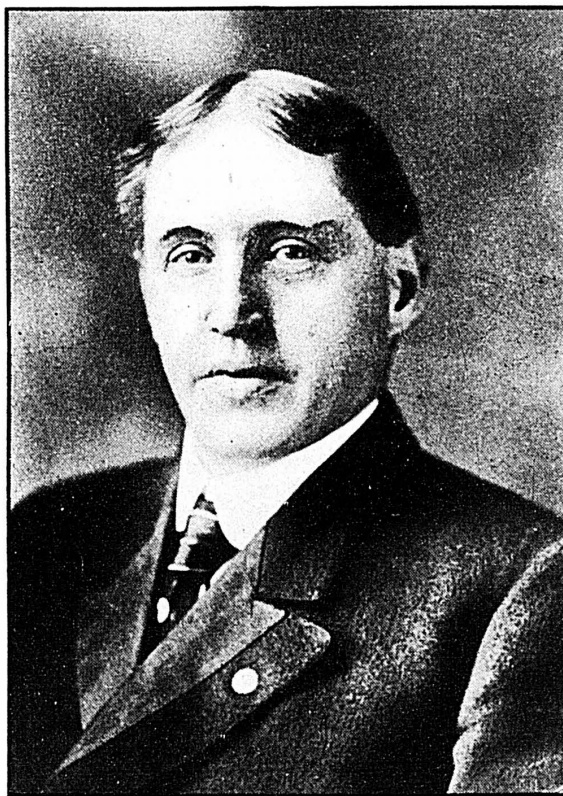


CHARLES H. BRISCOE

its existence as an individual concern. He has been identified with other enterprises of importance and has done much toward the development of Thompsonville in this direction.

In the matter of town affairs Judge Briscoe's services may be well called invaluable. For the greater

success. He was the attorney of the old Hartford Carpet company for many years and has acted in a similar capacity for other important concerns. He is a member of the Thompsonville Board of Trade, a director of the Upson-Martin company and of the National Fire Insurance company of Hartford.



DR. R. H. THORNTON

part of more than 40 years he has been town counsel. During his business connection with the electric railroad and certain other corporations he did not act as town counsel but with that exception his service has been practically continuous during the long period named. His advice and counsel has always been at the disposal of the town and his influence has been for great good to the community.

Judge Briscoe was one of the organizers of the republican party in the town of Enfield in 1855, associated with him having been John L. Houston, Robert McCrone, Joseph Bent, Royal A. Fowler, George Lord and others, all of whom, except the judge, have passed away.

In 1857, 1864 and 1878 he represented the town of Enfield in the General Assembly, being the youngest member of the house in 1857 and its speaker in 1878. He was a member of the state senate in 1861 and was chairman of the immensely important military committee at that session. Associated with him on that committee were such men as

Judge Elisha Carpenter, later of the supreme court; Henry C. Deming, who was at one time mayor of Hartford and afterward appointed mayor of New Orleans by General Ben Butler, still later serving as a member of congress; William P. Burrall, a vice-president of the old Hartford and New Haven Railroad company; Col. William B. Wooster of Derby, a leading lawyer of the state; Col. Amos Pease of Somers, Major Cunningham of Norwalk and Hezekiah Scoville of Haddam. Sessions of the committee often lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Judge Briscoe's career as a lawyer has been quite as important as his service as townsman and statesman. He was admitted to the bar of Fairfield county in 1854 and in September of that year he began practice in Enfield, where he has since resided. In January, 1868, he moved his office to Hartford and in 1869 was appointed the first judge of the court of common pleas for Hartford county, serving for six years. In 1877 he became associated with T. M. Maltbie, and this connection continued until 1881. From January, 1882, to January, 1894, he was partner with James P. Andrews, now reporter of the supreme court, under the firm name of Briscoe & Andrews.

Judge Briscoe has appeared in a great many important cases during his career and has met with signal

oratory and ether room. The equipment includes the most modern appliances and he uses both water and electric power. His offices are supplied with a compressed air outfit, also gas and electric apparatus for water heating. In fact everything necessary for the practice of dentistry in accord with the most modern methods is at hand.

Dr. Thornton came here from

LINCOLN W. MORRISON.

Judge of the Town Court and Prominent in Town Affairs.

Lincoln W. Morrison, judge of the town court of Enfield, well-known attorney and prominent in town affairs, was born in Thompsonville, Jan. 12, 1867, his parents being James and



LINCOLN W. MORRISON

Rockville after having prepared himself for his profession, and then, after getting his business established, he returned to college to further perfect himself, graduating from the Boston Dental college in 1891.

Dr. Thornton is widely known personally and is considered one of the town's foremost citizens. He is secretary of the Thompsonville Water company and one of its directors, also a member of the Thompsonville Board of Trade. For two years, 1905-1906, he was worshipful master and at present is treasurer of Doric lodge, F. & A. M., and a trustee of Friendship lodge, I. O. O. F.

Georgianna (Ward) Morrison. He attended the Thompsonville public schools and graduated from the Albany law school, class of 1903.

Judge Morrison is a staunch republican, was admitted to the bar in June, 1904, and was for twelve years court stenographer; also stenographer for the railroad committee of the General Assembly during the session of 1897-1899 and of the committee on appropriations for the session of 1905-1907.



DR. LOUIS N. WILEY

DR. L. N. WILEY.

Progressive Dentist With Large and Well Established Practice.

Dr. L. N. Wiley, whose modern and finely equipped dental offices are located in the O'Hear block, was born in Hartford and graduated from the Philadelphia Dental college. He practiced in Hartford for eight years and came to Thompsonville 12 years ago, succeeding to the practice of the late Dr. W. H. Lawrence.

Dr. Wiley is an expert in extraction and makes a specialty of bridge work. His office equipment includes the Lyon Plate Swager, the latest invention for making aluminum plates which are a popular product of modern dentistry, and everything else requisite to the practice of dentistry in accord with the latest and most scientific methods.

Dr. Wiley has built up a very large practice, not only in town but from all the surrounding towns as well, not excepting even Springfield and Hartford. His professional skill is widely known and personally he is very popular.

He has been chairman of the republican town committee for ten years, registrar of voters two years and represented the town in the legislature of 1905-1907 with distinction. He was appointed judge of the town court of Enfield in 1909. During the recent sessions of the legislature he has been the compiler of the Legislative Bulletin and List of Bills.

Judge Morrison is a member of Doric lodge, No. 94, F. and A. M., of Thompsonville; Washington chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., of Suffield; Suffield council, R. and S. M.; Washington commandery, No. 1, K. T., Hartford; Sphinx Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Hartford.

He is a director of The Advance Printing and Publishing company, active politically and very popular personally.

Read The Press every week.



WILLIAM J. MULLIGAN'S RESIDENCE

The Thompsonville Fire Department

Thompsonville is doubly fortunate in having a thoroughly modern fire department with an exceptionally able executive at its head in the person of William J. Hines. Mr. Hines was born in Thompsonville and after completing his education in the public schools he learned the carpenter's and painters' trades.

bought in 1868 and is today the oldest in the country in actual service.

Since Chief Hines entered upon his term of office many improvements have been made in the department, including the addition of an up-to-date auto truck, the organization and equipment of Hook and Ladder com-



WILLIAM J. HINES, Chief

These trades occupied his attention for only a brief time, however, and he entered the employ of the Hartford Carpet company in 1885. He has remained with that concern ever since, first occupying varied positions and then becoming the company's expert wool blender, a position which he has held for a number of years and ranking among the foremost in the country.

In addition to this important position with the company Mr. Hines has charge of the mill's fire protection and of all special construction work.

Ten years ago Mr. Hines was appointed chief of the Thompsonville fire department to succeed Chief James Morrison upon the death of the latter, he having been a valued

pany No. 1, and the recent addition of Hose company No. 3. The department includes 75 men and the installation of the Gamewell fire alarm system places it on a grade of efficiency equalled by but few towns of this size.

Thompsonville's fire protection is further enhanced by the excellent equipment of the Hartford Carpet corporation, which has a high pressure automatic sprinkler system, with two fire pumps supplying 2,500 gallons of water per minute.

Chief Hines in addition to his other important positions is chairman of the fire commission and superintendent of the sewer commission, so it will be seen that he is an important factor in the town's affairs.



JAMES MORRISON
First Chief of Fire Department

member of the department previous to that time. In fact Chief Hines has been a fireman for over 20 years.

The department was organized under Chief Morrison, he being the first chief and a most efficient one. Previous to that time it was a volunteer organization and one of the oldest in the country, the old No. 1 company having a charter dated 1828, its organization date being identical with that of the Hartford Carpet company.

The old Amoskeag engine, which still gives excellent service, was

He is a member of Carpet City camp, Modern Woodmen of America; is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus; is a member of the Enfield Country club, president of the Firemen's Mutual Benefit association, and has served as vice-president of the State Firemen's association.

Chief Hines was married June 23, 1897, to Annie Greenhalgh and they have four children, Eleanor, Marion, William and Francis. Four years ago Chief Hines purchased a modern residence on New King street.



COMBINATION AUTO TRUCK

HORACE K. BRAINARD.

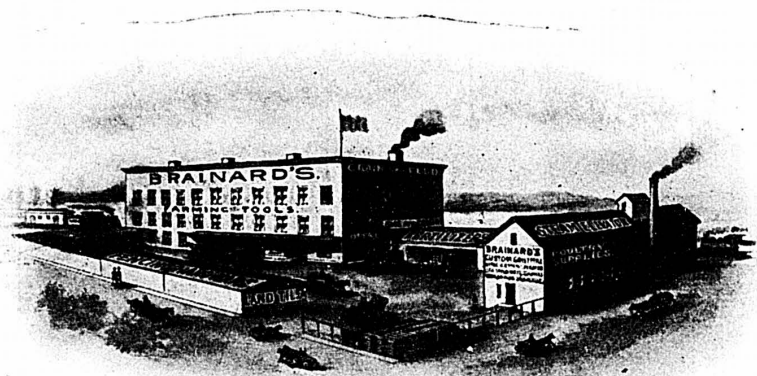
Founder of the Largest Agricultural Store in New England.

Horace K. Brainard, founder of the largest and most complete agricultural store in New England, now under the management of Mr. Brainard's son, Lester C. Brainard, is one of Thompsonville's most prominent, and at the same time most modest, business men. He was the first president of the Thompsonville Board of Trade, but of late years has avoided public office generally. His business stands one of the town's most important industries, being located in the southern portion of the town on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, which gives excellent freight facilities.

Mr. Brainard was born in Thompsonville, being the son of David Brainard, one of the town's best-known citizens. He started his present business in a small way in 1878 and by 1882 it had reached great proportions. He increased his plant in 1883 by erecting the large building which forms the nucleus of the present quarters, and in 1896 built an elevator and grist mill, and has recently installed electric power. Few town or city stores carry such a complete stock of grain and poultry supplies.

Some idea of the extent of the business may be gained from the fact that it occupies a floor space of about one acre and carries in stock 2,500 different kinds of articles as set forth in the comprehensive catalogue published by him.

"Everything for the farmer" is the slogan of Mr. Brainard's business, and that is the only term that covers it comprehensively. The stock includes agricultural implements of every conceivable kind, seeds, fertilizers, grain, poultry supplies, fencing, wire netting, roofing, paints, sewer pipe, cement, hardware and woodenware, oil tanks, churns,



H. K. BRAINARD'S AGRICULTURAL PLANT

scales, everything for the barn, everything for the hay field, including the most modern and scientific implements and machinery, tobacco setters, wagons, carriages, harness—in fact, everything under the sun that could be used on a farm and many other places as well. A repair department, even, is connected with the harness business, where extra straps, collars, bridles, in fact, any part of a harness can be bought.

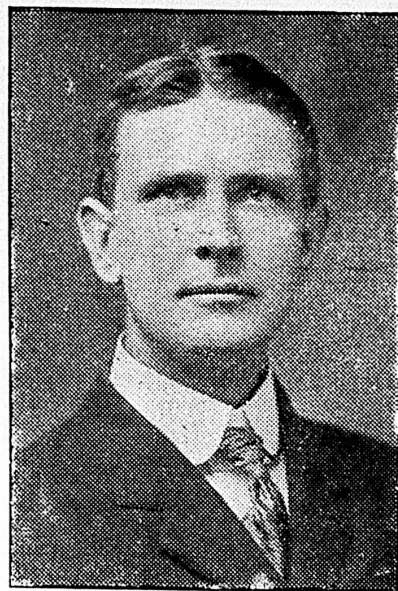
Lester C. Brainard, upon whom the management of this vast business has devolved, is an energetic, thoroughly dependable young business man of the Brainard standard. He was born in Thompsonville and after

ARTHUR R. LEETE.

Leading Business Man Who Became Prominent in the Legislature.

Despite the modesty which characterizes ex-Representative Arthur R. Leete in common with most men of real ability it must be said, if the truth is to be told, that he is a man of a great deal of importance to his native town of Enfield.

During the 1909 session of the General Assembly he represented the town with an ability which won praise from even his political opponents and was made house chairman of the committee on Roads, Bridges



ARTHUR R. LEETE

and Rivers, one of the most important appointments that is made.

Mr. Leete has also been a member of the town school committee several times and for 15 years was a member of the school committee of District No. 2, taking in all of Thompsonville. He was the second president of the Thompsonville Board of Trade and is a member of the Business Men's association. He is president of the Connecticut board of

M. W. HULLIVAN.

Business Man and an Aggressive Factor in Town Affairs.

M. W. Hullivan, proprietor of the well established news business in the Burns block and local manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, is beyond doubt one of the best known residents of Thompsonville.

Mr. Hullivan was born in New London and was educated in the public schools of that city, also learning the art of telegraphy there. He was sent to Thompsonville as an operator by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company 25 years ago and for seven years was at the railroad station here.

Mr. Hullivan's natural ability in public affairs soon led him into politics and he was chairman of the democratic town committee for seven years. He was appointed a deputy sheriff of Hartford county by Sheriff Miles B. Preston and served four years in an exceptionally able manner, being succeeded by George L. Wilson.

Mr. Hullivan takes an active interest in all town and public affairs and is one of the best-known fraternal Catholic order men in Hartford county. He is a ready debater and has earned the reputation of being a man who fights in the open; if he has anything to say he says it in public. He has proven himself an aggressive factor in town affairs and one generally reckoned with in democratic circles.

It is due to Mr. Hullivan's enterprise that the Western Union office now occupies its present central location, he having secured its removal from the station to his new room in the Burns block. He carries an extensive line of publications and has built up a large patronage.



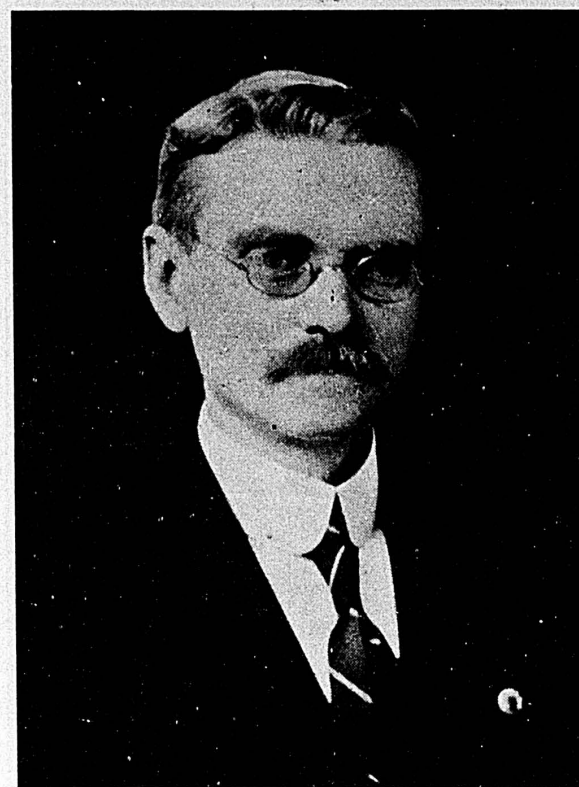
M. W. HULLIVAN

Personally Mr. Hullivan has many friends. He is a past state advocate of the Knights of Columbus, was a member of the state board of the Foresters of America for four years and has been a delegate to the conventions of both the orders named for many years.

1880--The Thompsonville Press--1911

The Thompsonville Press, the only newspaper published in the town of Enfield, was established May 28, 1880, and has therefore just passed its thirty-first anniversary. It has ever been a factor in the business, social and political life of the town, constantly seeking the promotion of the community's best interests along

book and job printing the equal of the best for its size in northern Connecticut. Among the equipment are included new cylinder and job presses, new paper cutter; a Mergenthaler linotype machine of latest pattern, new imposing stones and new type faces. All the machinery is run by individual electric motors.



WILLIAM H. BROOKS, Manager

these lines. The Parsons Printing Co., composed of Frederick P. Parsons, Frederick S. Bidwell and Charles Brainard, started the publication, the late Prof. Rufus C. Hitchcock being the first editor. In 1882 a stock company was formed, the stockholders being Frederick P. Parsons, John E. Morse and Charles Brainard. Frederick P. Parsons was selected editor in 1883, which position he filled until December, 1909.

In December, 1909, a company was formed by local citizens and incorporated as The Advance Printing & Publishing Co., to whom Mr. Charles Brainard, having become sole proprietor, sold the entire plant, the new company taking possession February 1, 1910. The Advance Printing & Publishing Company was incorporated December 21, 1909.

The directors of the present company are Judge Lincoln W. Morrison, Alvin D. Higgins (vice-president of the Hartford Carpet Co.), Attorney William J. Mulligan, William E. Lyford (superintendent of the Hartford Carpet Co.), and Frederick E. Hunter. Its officers are: William E. Lyford, president; William J. Mulligan, secretary and treasurer; Alvin D. Higgins, Lincoln W. Morrison, William J. Mulligan, executive committee.

The new company immediately purchased a new and modern equipment for the plant throughout, making its facilities not only for publishing The Press but for executing fine

The plant occupies the first floor and basement of the west end of the Mulligan block on High street, which has been so remodeled as to make an ideal home for a printing plant, affording plenty of light and a cement ground floor for presses.

Mr. William H. Brooks, the present manager for the company, took entire charge of the plant December 1, 1910, coming here from Cohoes, N. Y., where for many years he had successfully conducted the Cohoes Republican, a daily publication of wide influence, and having in connection a large job and book printing establishment. Under his management The Press has continued to prosper, constantly increasing in circulation and business patronage and gradually widening and strengthening the boundaries of its business and subscription territory. It has been the supreme satisfaction of his management to receive from time to time words of commendation of his efforts from readers and business patrons alike, some few of which, with the permission of their authors, have been published.

Mr. Brooks has associated with him a corps of printers and newspaper men of whose efficiency he is justly proud, and the perfection of whose work should enable the present manager to build up a business which shall be what it is his laudable ambition to make it, a credit to the town of Enfield.

∴ The Brainard Floral and Nursery Company ∴

From its beginning fifteen years ago, with a small greenhouse for the raising of plants, the florist, nursery and seed business now conducted by the Brainard Floral and Nursery Co., has steadily increased year by year until today the company is one of Thompsonville's most widely known firms.

It is also one of the largest concerns of the sort in northern Connecticut, having recently moved into its new plant on Maple street, thus combining its greenhouses formerly on Garden street and its nursery and seed department which were established on Maple street about five years ago.

The new plant as now formed through this combination gives the company a greatly increased acreage, and three large new greenhouses have been added. The entire equipment has been improved and extended to such a degree that few concerns in the same line of business hereabouts can surpass this company in its facilities. A large and conveniently arranged office and salesroom has also been erected the past season for the cut flower and seed departments.

With these greatly improved facilities the company will be able now to supply an even larger market than formerly, and with a fuller and more complete assortment in all the branches.

During the short time that has elapsed since the improvements have been made the business has increased to a remarkable degree and indications point to a continuance of the growth.

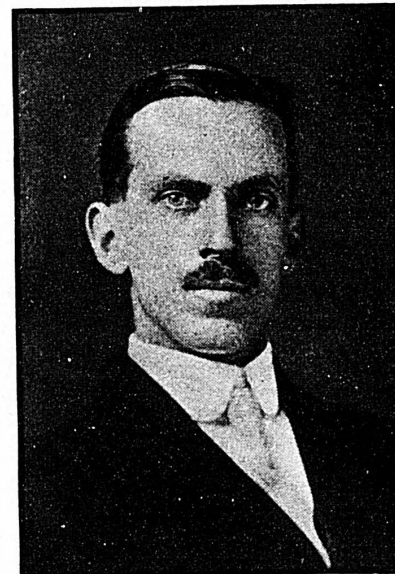
The owners and managers of the Brainard Floral and Nursery company are D. William Brainard and Chester F. Brainard, brothers, and the success achieved by the business is due to their thorough knowledge of its various branches and their close attention to its demands.

Originally the business consisted of two establishments, the greenhouses on Garden street and the nursery and seed department on Maple street, each being under separate ownership. The cut-flower and plant department was established fifteen years ago by D. William Brainard and the nursery department by

ard and the nursery department by Chester F. Brainard about five years ago.

Two years ago the business of each had developed to such an extent that consolidation was decided upon

specialties in their season. The nursery and seed departments are important branches of the business, and the thorough knowledge of the proprietors and their close attention to the details of the various branches



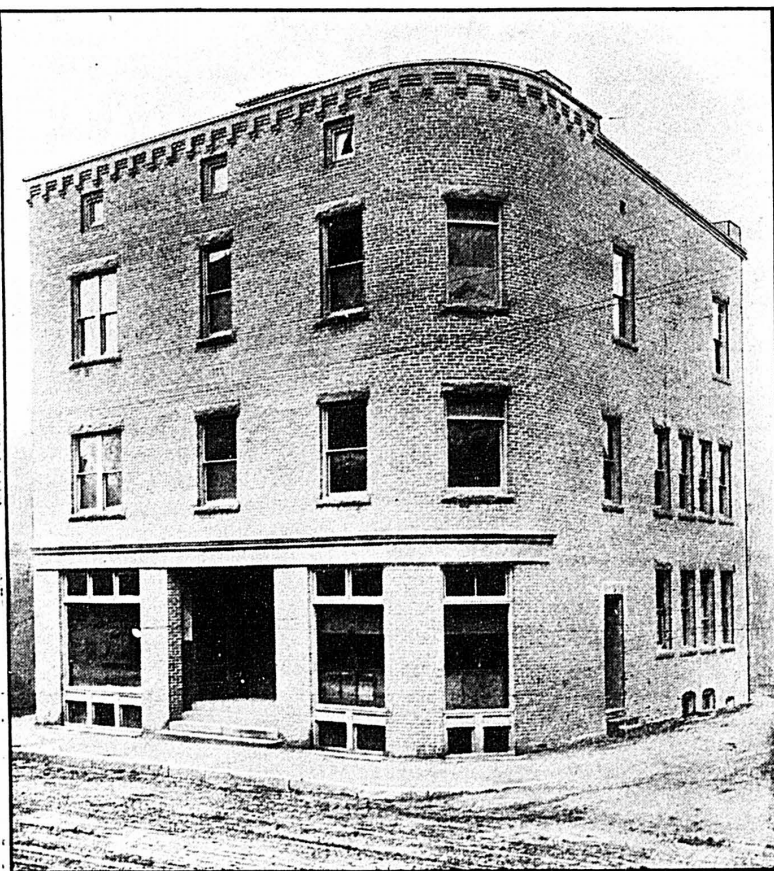
CHESTER F. BRAINARD

and the present firm formed. A full assortment of cut flowers and decorative plants is always carried and careful attention is given to



D. WILLIAM BRAINARD

for the satisfying of their patrons, are in a large measure responsible for the success with which the business has been favored.



THE CHARLES BRAINARD BUILDING

a course in the local schools, graduated from Childs' Business college with the class of '97. He entered his father's business in 1898 and acquired an interest in it in 1905, assuming management at that time.

H. K. Brainard now devotes his entire attention to the insurance and real estate business conducted under the name of H. K. Brainard & Sons, his office being located at the above mentioned store. He resides on Pearl street at the head of Oak avenue, and he owns a large amount of real estate in that vicinity.

Mr. Brainard is a member and an elder of the First Presbyterian church, and has been superintendent of its Sunday school for nearly 25 years.

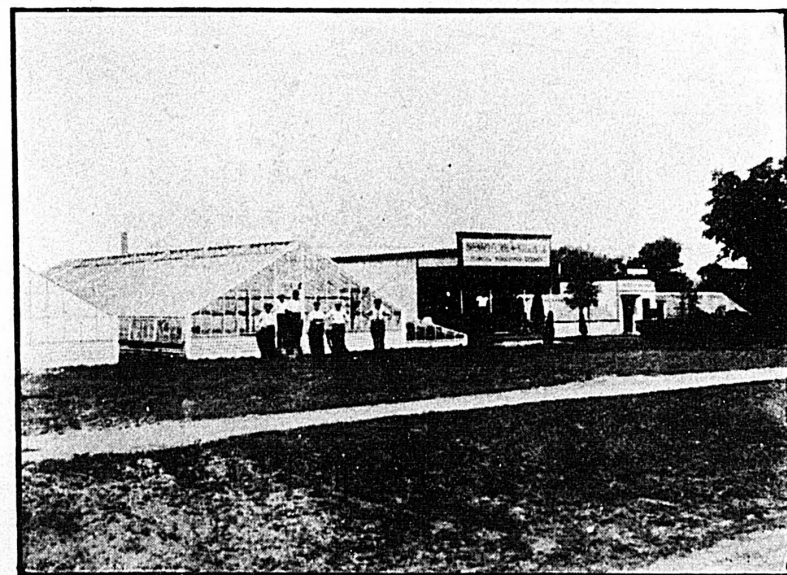
tion company on shipboard, June 1, 1839.

Mr. Leete was educated in the public schools of Thompsonville and on June 21, 1892, married Miss Jennie A. Tryon, daughter of Watson Tryon. They have three children.

In 1883, Mr. Leete bought the furniture business of Niles Pease, and since that time has increased it greatly and plumbing and steam heating has been added.

An undertaking establishment is conducted in connection with the business, much of this work being in charge of Mr. Leete's brother, Edward Leete, who is considered one of the most expert embalmers in the state.

Mr. Leete is a prominent member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, having been one of the vestrymen for many years.

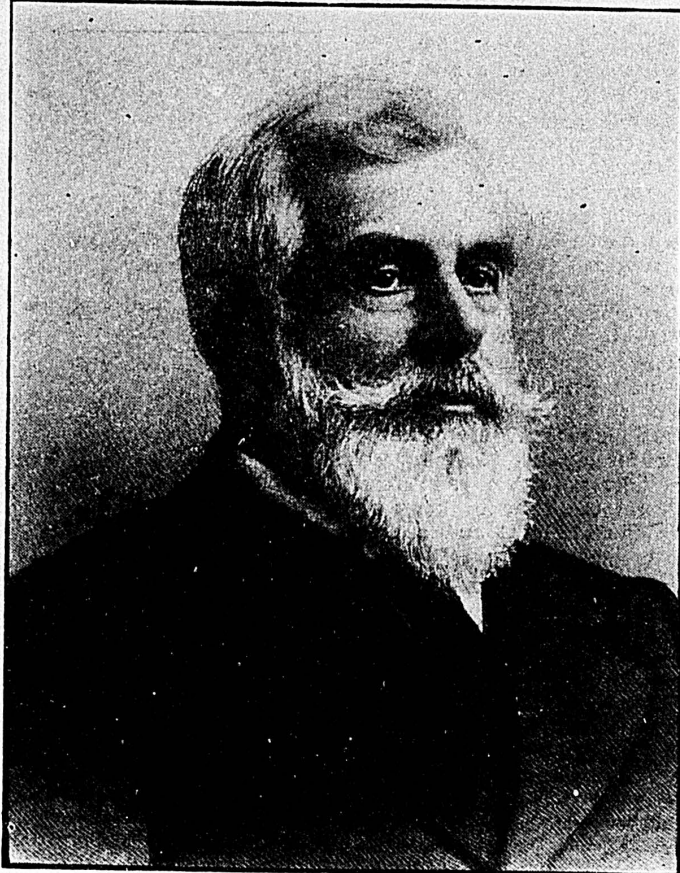


THE BRAINARD FLORAL AND NURSERY CO.

James A. Colvin---Bushnell Press Co.

James A. Colvin, owner of the G. H. Bushnell Press company of Thompsonville, principal stockholder in the Standard Metal Works company of Thompsonville and the owner of a large foundry in Worcester, Mass., is a resident of Enfield, occupying a beautiful home on Enfield street.

H. Bushnell Press company Feb. 4 of that year. The negotiations had been under way for some time previously and he had practically bought it before then, but that was the date upon which he assumed control. The company originally started in business in Worcester, but was unsuccessful financially, even after a



JAMES A. COLVIN

Mr. Colvin was born in Cranston, R. I., and lived on his father's farm until he was 18 years of age, when he learned the foundry business, going to work as a molder in 1851. In 1863 he entered business with his brother, Caleb Colvin, at Danielson, then Danielsonville, buying an old plant entirely equipped at the time the war was at its height. Both worked in the foundry with a gang of 10 or 15 men, supplying manufacturers with castings and making plows and stoves. He continued with his brother for two years and a half and then bought out his interest, his brother going to Worcester and starting business.

In 1868 Mr. Colvin gave up his foundry in Danielson and joined his brother in Worcester, the firm being known as before, C. & J. A. Colvin. This partnership continued until 1880, when, for purely business reasons, the relations between the brothers always having been of the pleasantest, it was dissolved. Mr. Colvin then built a new foundry in Worcester particularly for the purpose of supplying the Knowles Loom Works, now the Crompton-Knowles company, with castings.

The work of building the new foundry was begun on Thanksgiving day, 1879, and the work was pushed along in spite of adverse weather conditions so that it was ready to run Jan. 22, 1880. This business Mr. Colvin conducted very successfully in spite of some serious obstacles until 1894, receiving valuable assistance from his son, James Byron Colvin, who followed in his father's footsteps and began work in the foundry when he was about 16 years old; though he had then graduated from the Worcester High school, despite his youth. He learned the business from the bottom up and was manager for Mr. Colvin and his brother before the partnership was dissolved and then manager for his father when the latter went into his new foundry.

The foundry business is now solely in charge of James Byron Colvin, assisted by his younger brother, Lewis A. Colvin, who is treasurer and clerk of the foundry and who has charge of renting the machine shop connected, that being leased to four different tenants.

The G. H. Bushnell Press Company.

Mr. Colvin came to Thompsonville in 1894, taking possession of the G.

reorganization and a new start here. In Mr. Colvin's hands it has been very successful and for the past eleven years has been engaged in manufacturing machinery for extracting oil from cotton seed. It has surpassed all competitors in this field, having furnished at least 100 plants since starting, each plant's equipment amounting to from \$8,000 to \$25,000.

M. W. Bushnell, Mr. Colvin's present manager of the company, was responsible for opening up this new field of business, having been a salesman for the company in the south when the original orders were secured.

The company is also engaged in the manufacture of knuckle-joint presses, used in the cotton mills for pressing goods for shipment. They enjoy an excellent reputation and hold the field strongly against attempted competition.

The J. H. Bushnell baling press, acknowledged superior to any other in its line, is another product of the plant, while filter presses and hydraulic presses are others. Machinery is also made in accordance to special specifications, 20 looms made for the Upson-Martin company being one of these products in the past. Almost any kind of machine work can be produced at the plant.

The Standard Metal Works Company.

This is a prominent branch of the Thompsonville works, devoted to the manufacture of intake and outlet fittings for automobiles. The business was begun in a small way seven years ago and soon outgrew its original quarters. The extent of its increase may be judged from the fact that the original factory was 40x120 feet, one story high, while the new one recently completed is 120x74 feet and two stories high.

Hitherto business has been so heavy that the company was not able to keep up with the demand but with the new quarters it is able to keep pace with it.

M. W. Bushnell is also manager of this company, Mr. Colvin is president and treasurer and his son, Lewis A. Colvin, is vice-president.

In addition to his sons, Mr. Colvin has three daughters, Miss Theresa Colvin and Miss Dorothy Colvin, who reside with him here, and Mrs. Erasmus Hopkins of Geneva, N. Y.

HENRY WILLIS KING.

Graduate from Yale and Harvard and an Able Young Lawyer.

Henry Willis King is one of Thompsonville's younger residents whose start in the profession of law has been such that the future promises much. Mr. King was born here and after attending the public schools graduated from the Enfield High school in 1897. He graduated from Yale college, class of 1901, with the



JAMES A. COLVIN'S RESIDENCE, ENFIELD STREET

degree of A. B. and from Harvard Law school with the degree of LL. B., in 1905.

Too close application to study made a year's visit to the west during his term at Harvard a necessity and

hibit before the Boston Photographic association being awarded a certificate of merit. He has made an almost endless number of postcard views of places of interest in this vicinity which rank among the most artistic productions in that line.



HENRY WILLIS KING

upon his return and graduation he came back to Thompsonville and was admitted to the Hartford county bar in 1906. After a term in the office of Judge Briscoe, Mr. King was associated with Edward M. Day of Hartford for about two years and after that was connected with the legal department of the Travelers Insurance company.

Attorney King has since then continued the practice of law in this town with offices at his home on New King street.

He is worshipful master of Doric lodge, No. 94, A. F. and A. M., and a member of Washington chapter, R. A. M., the Hartford University club, the Hartford Yale Alumni association and the Harvard Law School Alumni association.

ELDON L. HILDITCH.

Well-Known Young Man Opens Law Office in Native Town.

Eldon L. Hilditch, a member of one of Thompsonville's foremost families and himself a widely-known young man in town, begins his legal career with every promise of success. He was born in Thompsonville, attended the public schools here and graduated from the Enfield High school, class of 1906, and then attended the Cushing academy at Ashburnham, Mass., from which he graduated in 1907. He concluded his education with a course at Yale Law school, graduating in June, 1910.

In September of last year Mr. Hilditch opened a law office in the Hunter block, and with his natural ability, coupled with his standing in the community, he will undoubtedly advance rapidly in his chosen profession.

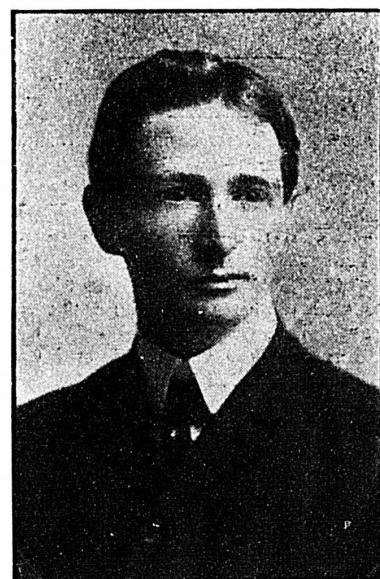
Mr. Hilditch is a member of Doric lodge, F. and A. M.; Friendship lodge, I. O. O. F., and is very popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

HARRY F. HILDITCH.

Young Business Man and Expert in Commercial Photography.

One of the busiest young men in Thompsonville is Harry F. Hilditch, who, in addition to assisting his father, William Hilditch, in the grocery business, has found time to become an expert in commercial photography and to build up a large business in that line.

He has been devoting his attention to photography for the past twelve years and his work has attracted much favorable comment, an ex-



HARRY F. HILDITCH

then entered the employ of his father where he still remains.

April 29, 1909, Mr. Hilditch married Nellie Graham Wilkie, daughter of John and Mary Wilkie of Sherbrooke, Canada. He is a member and trustee of the United Presbyterian church, a republican in politics, past chief ranger of Court Enfield, F. of A., past deputy of Court Sumpter, past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and manager of the Carpet City band.

MICHAEL J. CONNOR.

Former Representative, Salesman and Prominent Fraternity Man.

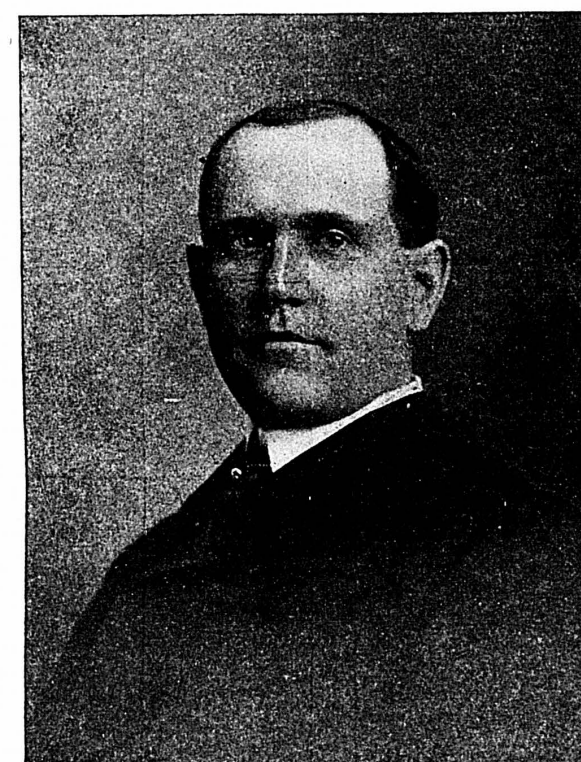
Michael J. Connor, former representative in the legislature, prominent fraternity man, hustling salesman and one of the most widely known and best liked men in Thompsonville, was born here and learned the trade of Brussels weaving. Upon becoming prominent in union work and finally being elected vice-president of the National Textile Workers he withdrew from carpet weaving and took up road salesmanship, at which he has been remarkably successful.

He first represented Mathewson Brothers in 1902, remaining in their employ three years. Then he represented the India Wharf Brewing company of Brooklyn with success for two years and after that was for two years the representative of the New England Brewing company, building up its trade in this section materially.

At present he is the representative of the Chris Feigenspan Brewing company of Newark, having joined their force October, 1909. He has a large trade established and is considered one of the most successful brewery representatives in this section.

Mr. Connor was elected to the General Assembly as representative on the democratic ticket for the sessions of 1903, 1905 and 1907, serving with distinction and being prominently identified with all important labor measures, introducing the eight-hour law for telegraphers which was passed in 1907, and being a strong advocate of the employers' liability act. He was democratic leader in the house in 1905 and served on important committees in each of the three sessions he attended.

At the last election he was the democratic nominee for state senator from this district, his opponent being Arthur H. Bailey.



MICHAEL J. CONNOR

He was defeated by the small majority of 71 votes and the result was so close that there was talk of a contest for the seat but the idea was finally abandoned.

Mr. Connor was also registrar of voters for three years from 1902 to 1905.

He has been through the chairs of the Knights of Columbus and taken a prominent part in the conventions of that order, having nominated William J. Mulligan, who was elected state deputy at the 1910 and 1911 conventions.

Mr. Connor has been a delegate to the last three A. O. H. conventions, being a prominent member of that organization. He nominated Philip J. Sullivan, also of Thompsonville, for the office of state president at these conventions, Mr. Sullivan having been elected each time.

He is also a member of Hartford lodge of Elks, the Foresters and the Thompsonville Board of Trade.

THE SHAKER LUNCH.

Mrs. J. T. Smith's Model Restaurant Under Able Management.

Thompsonville is fortunate in having in The Shaker Lunch an up-to-date lunch room and restaurant of which many larger cities might well be proud. The business was established by J. T. Smith of Enfield three years ago, with Frank B. Miller, a restaurant man of long experience in charge. The latter continued in charge just 550 days, including Sundays, without losing a day. A tempting offer took him to Worcester, Mass., where he remained for a while and then returned as manager last October under Mrs. Smith, she having taken possession of the business upon the death of her husband about a year and a half ago.

The best of food and excellent service makes The Shaker Lunch exceedingly popular and it enjoys a large and constantly growing patronage. Everything that could be found in a big city lunch is served and a specialty is made of roasts and special order dishes. Home cooking is one great feature and all pastry is made right on the premises.

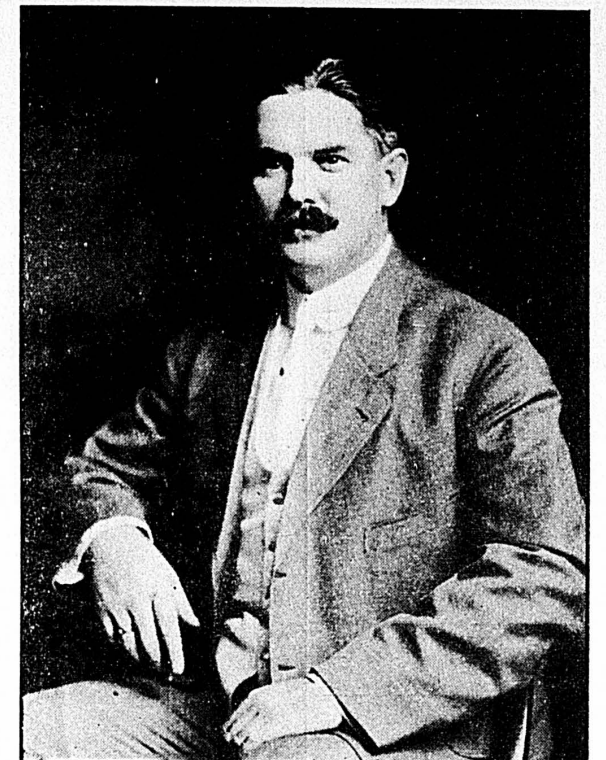
Thompsonville Press---Special Edition

In publishing this ILLUSTRATIVE AND DESCRIPTIVE EDITION OF ENFIELD it has been the object to present to the townspeople and to the world at large a comprehensive view of Enfield—its history, its industries, its business and its individuals.

It has been the effort of the pub-

lishers, business men and individuals who are represented in it, public spirited citizens who have realized what such an effort means to the town and its interests.

The successful manner in which the work has been carried out is due to the efficient efforts of Thomas Martin of Hartford, a specialist in

THOMAS MARTIN
Director of Publications.

lisher, The Thompsonville Press, to make it a credit to the town and to do justice to the thriving community which it endeavors to portray.

this line of endeavor who has many fine editions of prominent publications to his credit in the past, and under whose direction the edition has been published.

The printing of the edition has been done entirely at the office of The Thompsonville Press and the edition is an evidence of the modern equipment and capabilities of the paper's plant, a printing establishment of which the town may be justly proud.

The illustrations are from plates made by the A. Pindar Corporation of Hartford, one of the foremost engraving and designing houses in New England.

Many of the portraits were made especially for this edition by the Beaman and the Fonfara studios, and with few exceptions the general illustrations are from photographs made especially for this edition by Harry F. Hilditch.

The bird's-eye view of Thompsonville is from a photographic reproduction of an old print by the Bordeaux studio, Springfield, Mass.

The descriptive matter has been prepared by Shipman Smith of Hartford, a specialist in writing industrial and business reviews, and The Press is indebted to J. Warren Johnson for an exceptionally interesting historical sketch of the town.

Painstaking and conscientious effort has marked the publication of this edition. That the time which such effort has required is justified is self evident.

CHARLES J. FOWLER.

Attorney and Counselor-at-Law Who Has Many Friends Here.

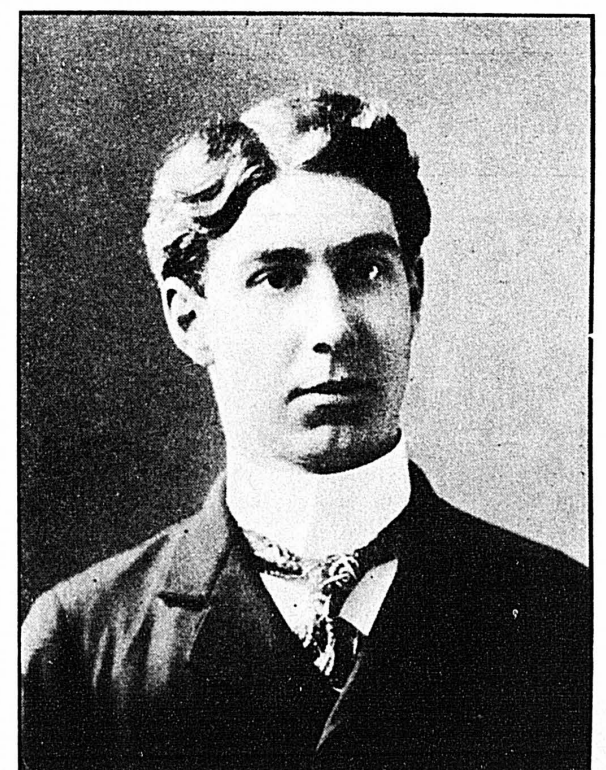
Charles J. Fowler, attorney and counselor-at-law, who has recently opened an office in the Burns block, is a well-known Thompsonville man, having been born here and being a graduate of the town's public schools, concluding with his graduation from the Enfield High school with the class of 1894.

Following his school education Mr. Fowler graduated from Yale in the class of 1898 and studied a year at the Yale Law school, completing his law course in Chicago. He was admitted to the Cook county bar, state of Illinois, in 1901, and practised in Chicago for four or five years successfully.

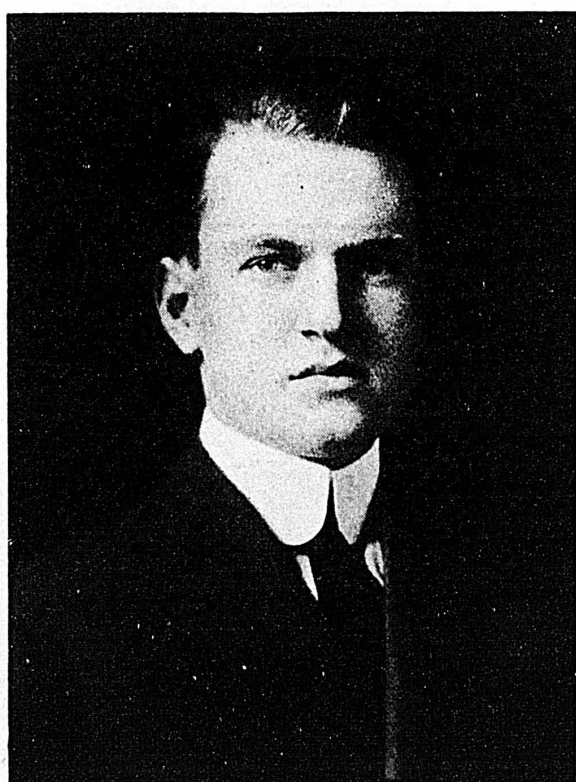
Then he returned to Thompsonville and became associated with his father, Charles H. Fowler, in the mason contracting business. He will continue his connection with the management of the business, for the present at least, in addition to his law business.

Mr. Fowler has many personal friends in Thompsonville. He has been through the chairs of Friendship lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., is an officer of Asnuntuck lodge, K. of P., a member of the Board of Trade, and, of course, a member of the Hartford county bar.

In 1905, Mr. Fowler married Miss Lillie A. Noble, daughter of John Noble of Thompsonville, and two sons have been born to them, Charles Noble and John Homer Fowler.



CHARLES J. FOWLER



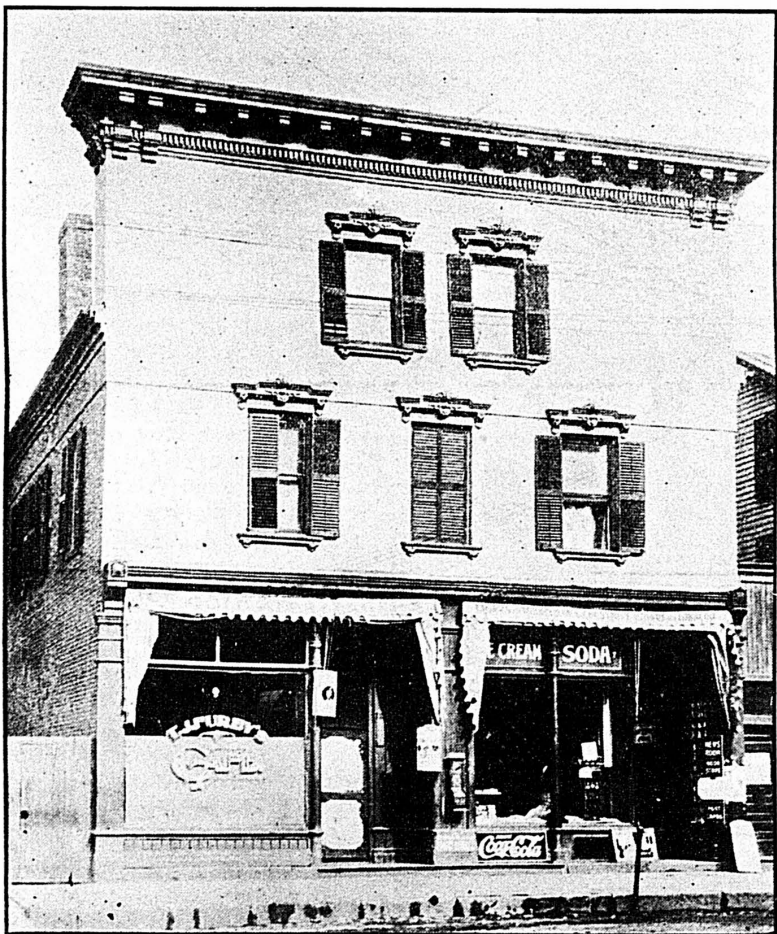
ELDON L. HILDITCH

THOMAS J. FUREY.**Successful Business Man Who Owns a Beautiful Residence.**

Thomas J. Furey, who has been in the liquor business in Thompsonville for a quarter of a century, has achieved success through business-like methods and a careful personal supervision of his business at all times. He is counted as one of the town's progressive business men and

**THOMAS J. FUREY**

real estate owners and his residence on Mathewson's Corner, Enfield street, with its spacious, finely cared for grounds, is easily one of the finest in this part of New England. Mr. Furey bought it from A. H. Mathewson, of Mathewson Bros., whose former residence it was, and has made many improvements in it since taking possession. He also owns the block which bears his name, located in the business center on Main street.

**FUREY BLOCK**

Mr. Furey was born in Simsbury and came to Thompsonville after the Tariffville fire, attending the parochial school and later working in the carpet mill.

He then bought the business on Main street, where he has been located the past twenty-five years.

After an active business career during all these years Mr. Furey now retires to enjoy a well earned rest. July first the business was sold to Philip J. Sullivan, a prominent resident of Thompsonville, who is not only well and favorably known locally but throughout the state as well.

Mr. Furey is a charter member of Washington Irving council, K. of C., and a member of the Thompsonville Board of Trade.

Mr. Furey has been a member of St. Patrick's church choir for thirty years; singing bass in the quartet for special services at weddings, funerals and similar occasions.

**T. J. FUREY'S RESIDENCE****ANDREW JAEGER.****Business Man Who Is Very Popular With Many Friends.**

Andrew Jaeger, proprietor of the popular cafe at 15 South Main street, is undoubtedly one of the most widely known and most popular business men in Thompsonville. He has a host of friends due to his unfailing good nature and genial disposition and his business is conducted in a manner that wins general approbation.

Mr. Jaeger was born in Thompsonville and attended school here. His father was a mason before him and he showed an ability for that line of work which soon made him an expert when he took up that trade, learning it with Andrew Tryon in Hartford. For a number of years he followed the business with Mr. Tryon, alternating at times by taking contracts in Thompsonville together with William Becker.

About two years ago Mr. Jaeger bought out his present place of business and under his able management it has been very successful. It is his policy to carry only the best goods obtainable and he makes a specialty of the famous Schlitz beer. He also handles the better grades of liquor, wines and other goods to be found in a first-class establishment.

Mr. Jaeger is a member of Court Sumpter, F. of A.

W. S. CHESTNUT.**Successful Newsdealer Who Is a Graduate of the School of Hard Knocks.**

An excellent illustration of a man self-made under adverse circumstances is found in W. S. Chestnut, the newsdealer and stationer at 74

four years ago.

Business is still booming. He carries a large stock of newspapers, periodicals, stationery, smokers' supplies, ice cream and confectionery, his line of post cards being the largest in this section of the state. His store is well equipped, his soda fountain

**WILLIAM S. CHESTNUT**

tain being one of the latest and best in northern Connecticut.

Mr. Chestnut is very popular personally and is a member of the Red Men, having been through all the chairs. He is also a member of Friendship lodge of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Foresters of America, being an auditor of the latter.

and up into Massachusetts for its superior quality, while his pastry products stand second to none.

Mr. Schoentag has built up a large wholesale business as well as retail and now, with his enlarged and finely equipped bakery, he is in a position to take care of his ever increasing trade in a manner sure to give his customers the best of satisfaction.

Mr. Schoentag came to Thompsonville from Keene, N. H., where he was located for four years following an extensive experience in New York. He is a member of Holyoke lodge, No. 134, I. O. O. F., and Court Enfield, Foresters of America.

A. TRUDEAU.**Popular Young Man With a Constantly Growing Bottling Business.**

A. Trudeau, whose bottling establishment and cafe are at 52 South Main street, has built up a big business in the seven years he has been established and it is still growing in a manner which indicates the necessity for an increased plant within a very short time.

This is due in part to Mr. Trudeau's natural hustling abilities and personal popularity, but also largely to the fact that he gives his patrons something out of the ordinary in the way of quality.

Budweiser, the famous Anheuser-Busch beer of Milwaukee, the beer that inspired the song, "Budweiser's a Friend of Mine," for instance, is one of his leaders and it is unnecessary to say that he is having a great demand for it. He has the sole agency for it for Thompsonville. He also bottles Feigenspan's P. O. N. Export beer and other first quality lagers and ales and draws them in his cafe.

Mr. Trudeau came from Hazard-

H. D. Crombie retired to go into the express business.

The business had one serious setback last year, a fire which destroyed the ice house on Springfield road with a loss of \$3,000 and no insurance, due to the excessive rate charged on such risks, but Mr. Crombie was in no way dismayed and has already built a new ice house which

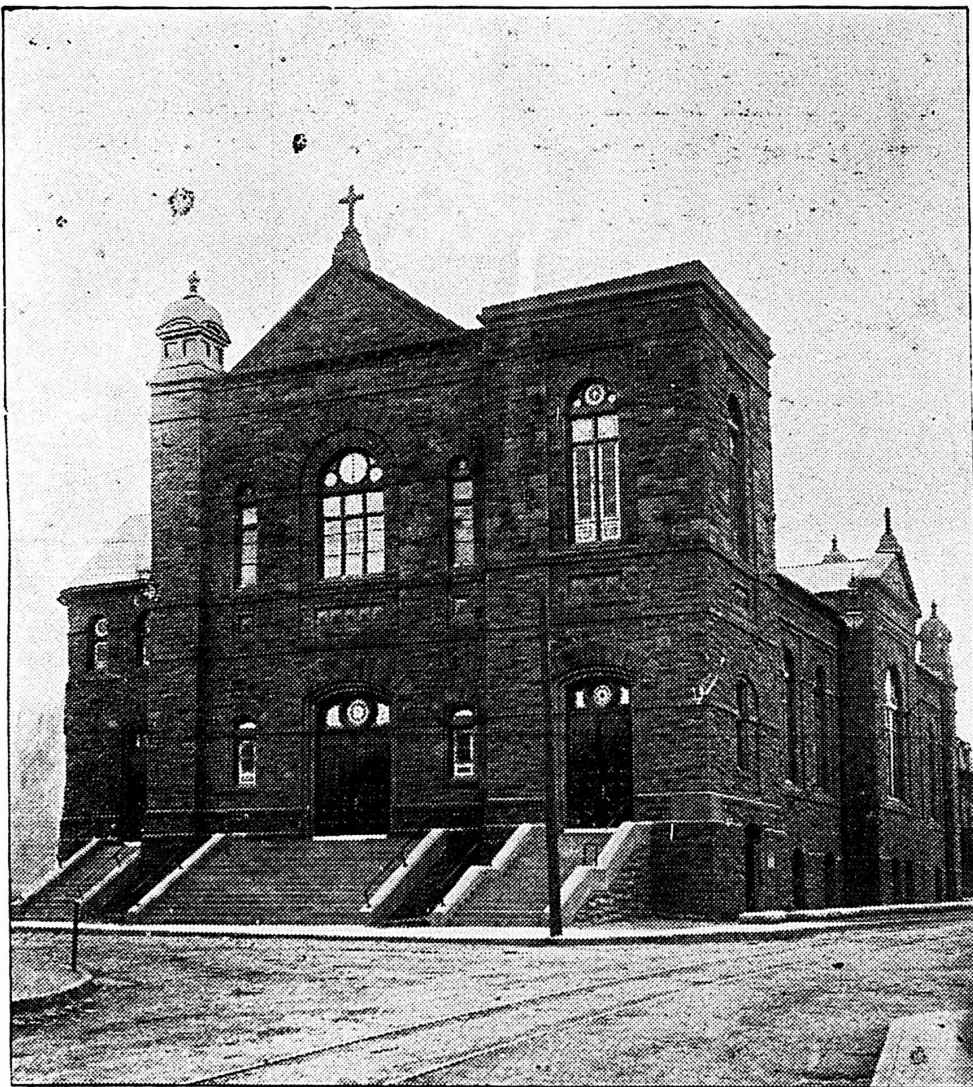
**PETER A. CROMBIE**

is 20 per cent. larger than the original.

Mr. Crombie has been successful in business, due to careful attention and hard work, and he has many personal friends. He is a trustee of the local council of the Knights of Columbus.

FONFARA'S STUDIO

Thompsonville has a thoroughly up-to-date photographic establishment in Fonfara's studio, 9 South

**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH****PHILIP H. SCHOENTAG.****Baker and Caterer Whose Expanding Business Compels Larger Quarters.**

There are few bakers in Northern Connecticut who have achieved such an enviable reputation and built up such an excellent business as that of Philip H. Schoentag, whose bakery at 49 Pleasant street has had to be enlarged recently to take care of the constantly growing trade.

**PHILIP H. SCHOENTAG**

And Mr. Schoentag has accomplished all this within eight years, having started in business eight years ago this July.

His success is undoubtedly due to the excellence of his products and his close application to business. His "Mother's Bread," for instance, is known all over this part of the state

ville about six years ago and bought the business from Thomas Hayden. Since then he has increased it many times its original size and built the present bottling works. He is a prominent member of the Foresters and the St. Jean the Baptiste society.

P. A. CROMBIE.**Successor to P. A. & H. D. Crombie, Ice and Coal Dealers.**

P. A. Crombie, who recently became successor to P. A. & H. D. Crombie, well-known dealers in ice and coal, was born in Hazardville and after completing his course at the parochial school graduated from the Hazardville High school. He learned the blacksmith trade in West Hartford, worked at it about 12 years and had a shop here from 1892 to 1896.

While still engaged in the blacksmith business Mr. Crombie started a confectionery store on South Main street, conducting it successfully from 1894 to 1897. This led him into the ice business, first as a large consumer and then as a dealer.

He joined John Savage in that business in 1896, the firm being Crombie & Savage. The following year, 1897, they bought the property of the George Barber estate on Springfield road and built a dam and buildings, the dam forming a pond from Grape brook. This gave them a supply of pure ice.

Two years later Mr. Crombie took over the entire business and conducted it alone until 1903 when he took his brother, H. D. Crombie, into partnership. Five years ago they bought the coal business of M. F. Donlon and added it to the ice business. The firm of P. A. & H. D. Crombie continued to conduct this joint business until about August 1, 1909, when

Main street, and one which handles all lines of the work from cabinet photography to crayon and pastel work of a high order.

Mr. Fonfara also makes a specialty of commercial work and has taken many very fine photographs of residences and places of business here, both exterior and interior views.

Mr. Fonfara came to Thompsonville from New York state about two years ago, where he formerly had a

**I. J. FONFARA**

studio and previous to being in business for himself he had a wide experience in general photography in some of the best studios in New York state.

He is a most conscientious artist and his determination to let nothing but the best of work leave his studio has much to do with the success he is achieving here.

THOMPSONVILLE**BOTTLING WORKS****An Extensive Business Built Up by Cunningham & Hannon.**

Modern equipment, up-to-date methods and hustle have built up a large bottling business for Cunningham & Hannon within about two years' time. When they bought out the business they now conduct at 47 Main street in June, 1909, it was nowhere near the industry it is now and its present condition is a high tribute to their business ability.

The firm is composed of P. H. Cunningham, a Springfield man, and John Hannon, who came from Holyoke, both wide awake business men who had achieved success in similar lines before coming here.

Just as soon as they bought the business they remodeled the entire building, devoting the large basement to the bottling works, the first floor to a modern bar and the upper floor to living apartments. The bottling works were equipped with up-to-the-minute machinery and a new engine, together with everything else requisite to the business.

They bottle beer, ale, porter and all sorts of soft drinks and already their goods have won an enviable reputation for quality, keeping an extensive delivery service and four men busy all the time to keep up with the demand, local and out of town.

F. J. LEANDER.**Proprietor of The North End News Room and Confectionery Store.**

F. J. Leander, the energetic proprietor of the North End News Room and Confectionery Store, is another of Thompsonville's merchants who have made good young.

Mr. Leander was born in Thompsonville and after attending the local schools worked for nine years, learning the business thoroughly. In 1908 he bought his present store at 39 Pleasant street and his ability is evidenced by the fact that he has enlarged it to three times its original size since taking possession. And he has done this in three years.

He has not only enlarged the store and greatly increased the business but he has put in a new front with fine display windows and made many

**F. J. LEANDER**

other improvements. The stock has also been enlarged, he having added newspapers and magazines as well as several other lines to those carried by his predecessor, so that he now handles, in addition to the foregoing, confectionery, soda, ice cream, fruits and cigars.

Mr. Leander is popular personally and is a former sub-chief ranger of Court Enfield, Foresters of America.

JOHN E. DOYLE.**Successful Business Man and Resident Since 1854.**

John E. Doyle, whose liquor business on Main street, opposite the railroad station, is one of the best established in town, came to Thompsonville with his father, Michael Doyle, from New York, in 1854. His father came here to work for the Hartford Carpet company and in 1860 opened a store where St. Patrick's church now stands and conducted it for several years.

Mr. Doyle learned the harness maker's trade and after a stay in New York came back here in 1870 and started business for himself, first with a harness shop and then a saloon added which he conducted on South Main street, opposite Mulligan's block, until 1876. At the same time he had a business in New Haven and this he conducted until 1877. Then

he went to New York, came back in 1879 and opened his present place of business, first as a harness shop and then adding the saloon. The harness shop was discontinued 18 years ago. Business has prospered with him and he is a large owner of real estate, including the fine residence which he occupies with his family at No. 7 Prospect street and which he bought from the Rev. William Hart Dexter. It is one of the fine old places of the town and improvements and alterations which Mr. Doyle has made in it make it one of the best residences in Thompsonville.

Mr. Doyle also owns the property occupied by the South End Garage at 21 York street, Springfield, and the cottage adjoining at No. 19.

He is widely known personally and is one of the charter members of Court Enfield, Foresters of America, having been a member since 1885. He is also a member of the Enfield Liquor Dealers' association.

**JOHN E. DOYLE'S RESIDENCE****SITNIK & NIEMIEC.****Enterprising Grocery Firm on Whitworth Street With a Large Trade.**

One of the busy stores at the North End is that of Sitnik & Niemiec, dealers in meats, groceries and everything else that goes to make a completely stocked store of that sort. The store was originally established by Jacob Sitnik, who has a similar store in Chicopee, together with a large house furnishing store as well.

Alec Niemiec, his partner, worked

**ALEC NIEMIEC**

for Mr. Sitnik about two years before the store on Whitworth street was opened.

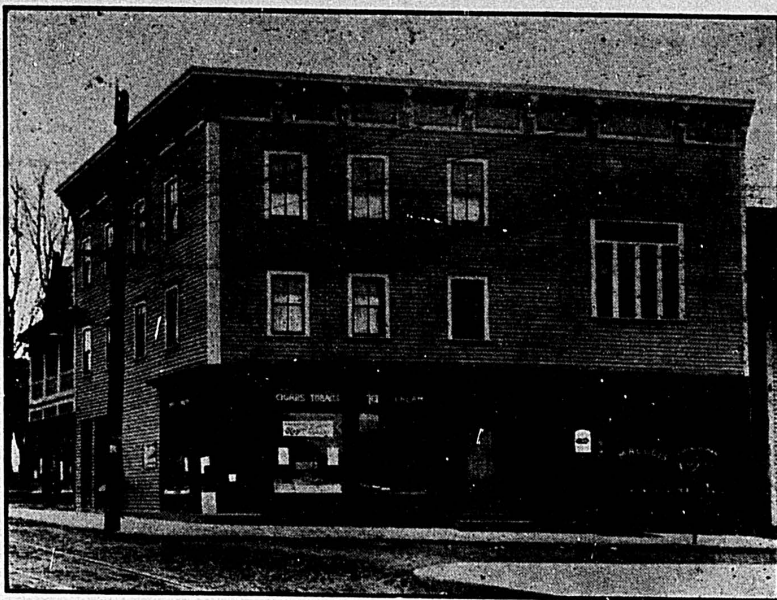
About six years ago he was taken into partnership and under his direction the business has grown continually.

Mr. Niemiec is one of the best known Polish citizens in town and is president of the Krakusy, the prominent Polish society of Thompson-

**CUNNINGHAM & HANNON'S**

ville. His personality, coupled with the excellence of the store's merchandise, is responsible for the large amount of business the firm has.

Mr. Sitnik is one of the leading business men of Chicopee and influential in the affairs of that town.



MALLEY BLOCK

T. P. MALLEY.

Young Business Man Who Has Made Progress in Six Years.

Only six years in business and the owner of a prominent corner business block, together with a constantly growing business, is the record achieved by T. P. Malley, whose cafe is located at the corner of Pearl and High streets.

Mr. Malley was born in Thompsonville and has spent his life here. He formerly worked for T. F. Sullivan and later on for T. J. Furey, after which he bought the business of J. G. Fennell, his present stand.

While working for his former employers he learned the liquor business thoroughly and his success in his own place was instantaneous. When he bought the business he also bought the block in which it was located and he recently made extensive alterations, moving the corner store out to the sidewalk, putting in two new stores on the ground floor and adding another story to the building. The upper stories have been made into living apartments. He has also renovated and improved Emmett hall, which is over the cafe and which is the meeting place of many organizations.

Mr. Malley is very popular personally and is a member of the Foresters, the A. O. H. and the Enfield Retail Liquor Dealers' association.

He is now a specialist in the lines mentioned, also carrying light groceries, and is giving his customers superior qualities at very moderate prices. He is a former vice-president of St. Jean Baptiste society, is financial secretary of L'Assomption society and president of Artisan Canadian Francais. In 1905 he married Josephine Cormier of Somerville and they have three fine children.

JOHN I. MITCHELL.

Thompsonville Boy Who Is Making Good in Business for Himself.

One of the latest of Thompsonville's young men to enter the business field is John I. Mitchell and, after the manner of this town's wide-awake young men, he is making good from the start.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Thompsonville, attended the parochial and public schools and graduated from the Enfield High school in 1901. He went to work for his brother, M. A. Mitchell, in the grocery business and remained there for seven years.

Last August Mr. Mitchell took possession of the bright and modern store in Malley's block at the corner of Pearl and High streets and established a confectionery, ice cream and stationery business which has been a success from the start. In addition to the lines named Mr. Mitchell carries an extensive stock

part of the country, they being truly metropolitan in appearance and comparing favorably with those of many national advertisers.

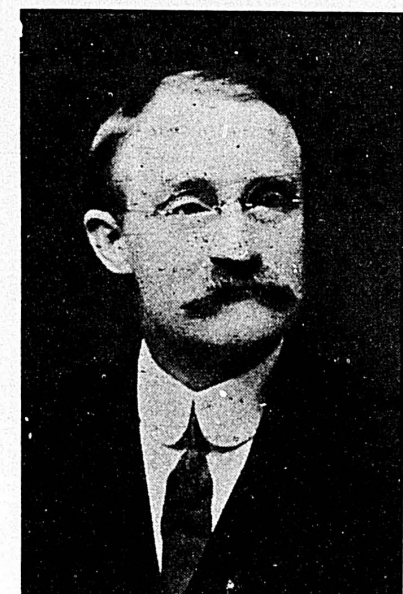
That is one of the secrets of his success, putting a first-class article on the market and then pushing it. So well known are his beverages and so thoroughly is their quality known to the public that the dealer who handles them is sure to do more business than the other fellow. He puts up everything in the way of soda and uses only the purest of materials. He also supplies vichy in syphons or charges fountains and his works at 13 North Main street are equipped with every up-to-date facility for getting the best results.

He has enlarged his plant twice since he began business here in 1905 and an auto truck is an important factor in his delivery system which supplies the country for miles around Thompsonville.

GEORGE F. LEHMAN.

Successor to Forst & Lehman, Owner of an Up-to-date Bakery.

George F. Lehman succeeded the firm of Forst & Lehman as proprietor of the bakery conducted under



S. G. BROWN

that firm name on South Main street, Oct. 1, 1910, and the business which had already gotten a good start is continually gaining in patronage and popularity under his sole direction and management.

The bakery is thoroughly modern in every respect and Mr. Lehman was formerly a well-known baker in Hartford, having had many years' experience. Since he has been identified with his present bakery he has made extensive renovations and improvements and added considerably to the equipment.

In addition to doing a large business at the bakery Mr. Lehman runs three teams and has a great many customers in the surrounding towns. His bakery, with its modern equipment, has a large capacity but if the business continues to grow at the present rate he will be compelled to enlarge it soon.

Mr. Lehman supplies everything that a first-class bakery is expected to and his home-made bread has become famous. The pastry, too, is of the highest quality and a specialty that is finding much favor are the delicious "Snowflake" rolls which are ready at noon every day, right from the oven.



G. F. LEHMAN

HENRY E. BRINN.

Young Man Who Has Made Good Within a Few Years.

"T. R." has come to be generally recognized the world over as standing for Theodore Roosevelt, but hardly less well known in Thompsonville are the initials H. E. B., as found about everywhere cigars are sold, and standing for Henry E. Brinn.

And yet seven years ago Mr. Brinn came here from Ludlow, Vt., a stranger. He had learned the baker trade but got switched from wheat to tobacco when he got down here, learning the cigar-making business from Charles H. Guy. After being with him for three years Mr. Brinn succeeded him in the ownership of the pool room on Pleasant street and later when Mr. Guy went to Springfield Mr. Brinn began making cigars, his shop adjoining the pool room.

About a year ago Mr. Brinn removed his business to a more central location, securing quarters in the Guy block on Asnuntuck street, opposite the Majestic theater. Here the business continues to prosper and the

demand for his cigars increases steadily. Mr. Brinn is widely known and very popular. He is much interested in the promotion of sports and is an enthusiastic dog fancier, his Boston bull, "Cowboy," with its repertoire of thirty tricks, being famous. Mr. Brinn is a member of the Modern Woodmen, the Foresters, Red Men and Knights of Columbus.

TONY DENY.

Hustling Shoemaker and Dealer Who Has Built Up a Good Business.

Tony Deny, whose shoe store and shoemaking establishment is at 49 Pleasant street, is one of the wide-awake, successful business men of the North End. He formerly worked in the mill here and established his business of shoe repairing in a small way about six years ago.

Good workmanship brought him lots of business and inside of a year he had a shoe store established in a building which he erected for the purpose himself. Now he not only repairs shoes and makes them to order but he carries a big stock of all kinds of footwear as well, shoes for men, women, children, and stockings also.

Any member of the family can buy shoes of Tony Deny and be sure of getting good shoes, for he knows all about shoes, being a shoemaker himself. Furthermore they can save money buying them from him because his expenses are small.

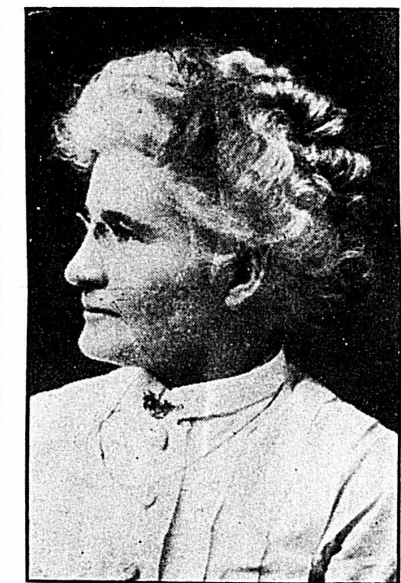
Mr. Deny's shoe repairing business continues to grow all the time and he employs an assistant, his brother, who is also an expert workman. Mr. Deny is a member of the Woodmen and the Foresters.

MRS. ELLEN A. SMYTH.

A Thompsonville Business Woman Who Has Doubled Her Trade.

Mrs. Ellen Smyth, dealer in coal and wood, has proven herself a decidedly capable business woman. Not only does she successfully conduct a large business in coal and wood but she also has a prosperous trucking business which she manages, and in addition conducts a 66-acre farm.

The business was established about 25 years ago by Mrs. Smyth's husband, John Smyth, and upon his death she took charge of it. That was 13 years ago and since then Mrs.



MRS. ELLEN A. SMYTH

Smyth has doubled the business. Her coal yard is located at the foot of Prospect street and her up-town office at 80 Main street, the latter having been established about nine years. All-rail coal is handled and the satisfaction received by Mrs. Smyth's customers is evidenced by the way her business has increased.

Mrs. Smyth has a thorough equipment for all sorts of heavy teaming and gets a large proportion of the town's business.

CORNELIUS J. SULLIVAN.

Successful Business Man Who Is Also Interested in Real Estate.

Few men in Thompsonville are more widely known than Cornelius J. Sullivan, who has been established in business here for 34 years. He came here from Northampton, Mass., and his original business venture was in the grocery business at 4 Whitworth street.

After he had been established five years Mr. Sullivan opened a meat market next door and conducted it with great success for 28 years, then selling out to the present proprietors, Sitnik & Niemiec. Recently Mr. Sullivan also disposed of the cafe at 4 Whitworth street to Alexander Niemiec and has retired from active mercantile business though still retaining his extensive investment interests in town.

Mr. Sullivan owns the new block at the corner of Whitworth and Tariff streets, the property at the corner of Pleasant and Whitworth streets and the property at the corner of Church street and Alden avenue. He is also interested in real estate on Windsor street and elsewhere.

He is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, a charter member and first secretary of the A. O. H.

Mr. Sullivan's son, J. R. Sullivan, of Thompsonville, is one of the well-known young men of the town, a member of the A. O. H. and the Foresters. Another son, J. F. Sullivan, who until recently was secretary of the United States bureau of forestry at Portland, Ore., is now practicing law in California. He graduated from Holy Cross college with honors, being awarded two scholarships for

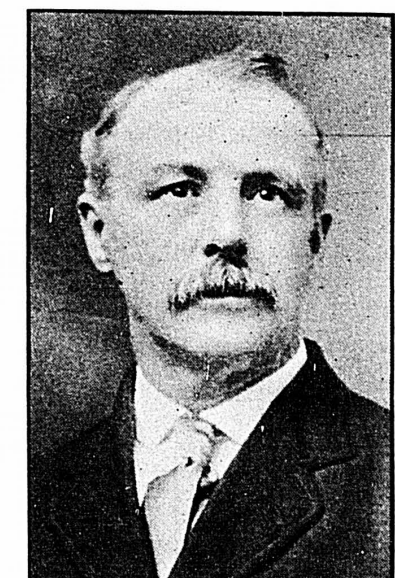
the Georgetown Law school and the Catholic university of Washington, D. C., and from these two institutions he entered the employ of the government. Two other sons are also college graduates, Michael E. Sullivan graduating from Holy Cross in 1909 and Cornelius Sullivan, Jr., graduating from the same college last year. The latter is now attending the Yale Graduate and Law schools.

KLEIN, BROWN & CO.

Men Who Quit Jobs to Become Successful Business Men.

Constant and continual growth marks the business of Klein, Brown & Co., dealers in shelf hardware and cutlery, whose store on Main street has been enlarged several times since its beginning a few years ago, with every indication of further enlargement soon.

Lawrence Klein started the nucleus of the business when he left the Westfield Plate company and started the undertaking business with merely desk room at the same stand the store now occupies. He is a graduate of the Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming of New York and is an expert in that profession. The firm



L. KLEIN

carries a stock of caskets and has the very latest equipment for conducting the business.

S. G. Brown was a shopmate of Mr. Klein and started the first bicycle business in town in a little shop at the North End, to fill in time when laid off from the shop. This business prospered so well that he had to employ help and while there he built two motorcycles himself.

Mr. Klein and Mr. Brown combined businesses after Mr. Klein had been established a year and the growth has been phenomenal ever since. The larger store was opened at that time and hardware, novelties and sporting goods were added. Mr. Klein was already handling the Singer sewing machines and the firm still carries them.

Mr. Brown's original bicycle repair business has meanwhile grown into a large repair shop with a lathe, gasoline power, vulcanizing outfit and a thorough equipment for repair work of all kinds, automobile, bicycle, sewing machine and electrical.

The store is equipped with the very latest fixtures, including Heller's Sample System of Hardware Shelving, the very latest thing out, a fire-proof cabinet with interchangeable drawers of steel and a handsome oak



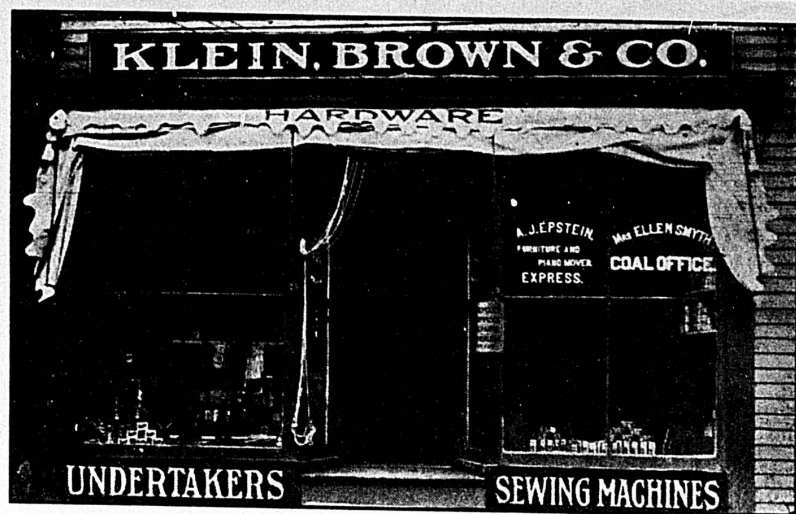
A. J. EPSTEIN

front. The stock is as up-to-date as the equipment, and includes paints, auto oils and gasoline as well as hardware.

The company is also local handlers of the Victor talking machines and records. In fact whatever you may want you're liable to find there.

Mr. Klein has been a resident of Thompsonville for a long time, originally coming here from New Haven to work at his trade of mould maker in funeral hardware for the Westfield Plate company. He is a member of the Board of Trade, the Business Men's Association, and a prominent member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Brown has been here 15 years and is a toolmaker by trade, having finished his trade at the tool-room of the Lozier works. He came here from the Crompton Loom Works of Worcester and is a hustler by disposition. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, the K. of P., the Board of Trade and the Business Men's association, and is prominent in the affairs of the First Presbyterian church.



KLEIN, BROWN & CO.'S STORE

P. F. BURKE.

Proprietor of a Successful Liquor Business on Whitworth Street.

P. F. Burke, recognized as one of the foremost men in the liquor business in Thompsonville, conducts a first-class cafe on Whitworth street. He came to Thompsonville in 1875 with his parents, and his first job was as office boy for George Lorimer in the Hartford Carpet company's dye house.

He went into business with T. F. Sullivan in 1893, their place being on Main street, and in 1901 he started in business for himself in the Morrison building, opposite the railroad station, remaining at that stand for a year and a half.

Mr. Burke then moved to his present place of business at 7 Whitworth street, buying the property, which is both business and residential, from William Calderwood. Business has increased with him steadily, due to a high class of goods and his close personal attention to business.

He draws Fiege'span's lager, Aetna ale, Meriden porter, the Hammondsport Vintage Co.'s wines, Abington whiskey, Barber's gin and a first-class line of liquors generally.

Mr. Burke is popular personally, has many warm friends and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters.

I. SULIK.

Proprietor of Prosperous Cafe and Bottling Works.

I. Sulik, proprietor of the cafe on North Main street bearing his name, is one of the leading Polish residents of Thompsonville and prominent in the affairs of his countrymen. He is a member of St. George's society and an active member of the Krakus, Polish society, and his place of business is exceptionally well conducted.

Mr. Sulik was formerly engaged in business on Sheldon street in Hartford and bought his present place of business in August, 1909. Under his able management business has increased steadily. He handles the New England and Aetna beers and a full line of high grade liquors and cigars. In addition to the cafe he conducts a bottling business and does a large business by team throughout the town and the surrounding territory.

ALBERT J. EPSTEIN.

Energetic Citizen Who Has Built Up a Large Teaming Business.

Albert J. Epstein is another of Thompsonville's progressive business men who has built up a large business from a small beginning. He was born in Warehouse Point, East Windsor, and came to Thompsonville when a very young man, remaining until he is now one of her most solid citizens.

Mr. Epstein's first business venture was a tin wagon and he made good on that to such an extent that he soon bought out the express business conducted by James Stinson. The business itself was established by a predecessor about 45 years ago and when Mr. Epstein took it 22 years ago it consisted of general trucking and he had one pair of horses.

Now he has a big establishment at 16 Central street which he built himself, consisting of barn and sheds covering a ground space of 28 by 100 feet. He also has storage warehouses at that address and elsewhere in town. His small express business has grown to light and heavy teaming, piano and furniture moving and a regular depot carriage service. He also owns a large hack for weddings, funerals and similar occasions.

Mr. Epstein is assisted ably in his business by his son, Samuel Raymond Epstein, and he employs six men steadily, with helpers at frequent intervals. He is popular per-

sonally and is a member of Friendship lodge, I. O. O. F.; Asnuntuck lodge, K. of P., and an active member of Griffin A. Stedman camp, Sons of Veterans, at Hartford, having held offices in that organization and in the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Epstein's down-town office is located at 80 Main street.

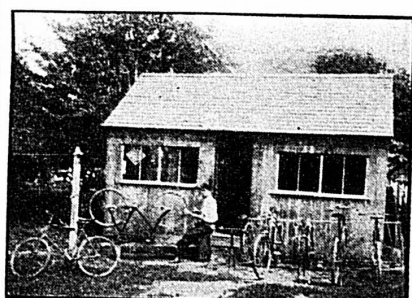
D. J. CARNEY.

Well-Known Business Man, Proprietor of the Main Street Cafe.

Few business men in Thompsonville are more widely known and popular than D. J. Carney, proprietor of The Main Street Cafe, at 37 Main street, one of the best established places in that line of business in town.

Previous to becoming proprietor of his present business Mr. Carney was a member of the firm of Burns & Carney, marketmen, and he has been a resident of Thompsonville for about 30 years, 18 of which have been devoted to the liquor business, while he has been equally successful in other lines. He has proven himself at all times to be an exceptionally good business man and one with the welfare of his town at heart. He is public spirited and progressive and belongs to a number of prominent organizations, including the Business Men's association, Washington Irving council, K. of C. and A. O. H. He is also a member of Father Mathew's Total Abstinence society and has been for nearly 30 years.

The Main Street Cafe under his management has been very successful, due to the high standard upon which it is conducted and the excellence of the stock carried, Mr. Carney maintaining that only the best to be had is good enough for his customers.



S. G. BROWN'S FIRST SHOP

COCHESKI BROS.

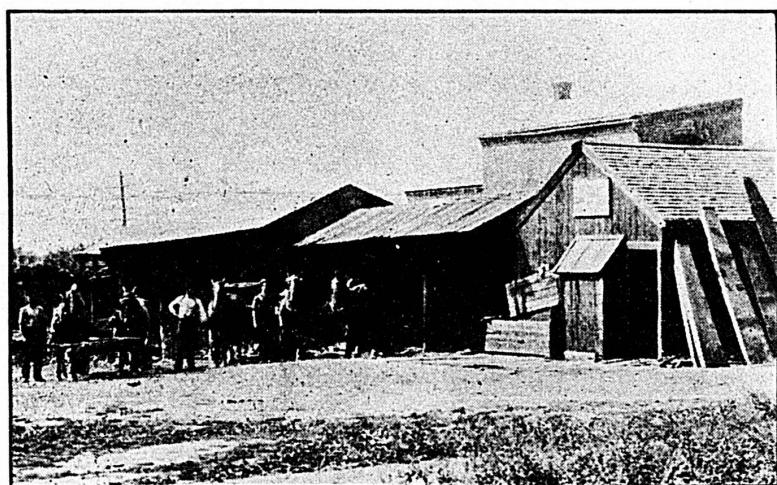
Owners of an Up-to-Date, Successful Cafe on South Main Street.

John and William Cocheski, who, in April, 1911, bought Goldenthal's cafe on South Main street, are meeting with great success, owing to their personal popularity and careful manner in which they conduct the business. They draw Fiege'span's and New England ales, lagers and porters and keep a high grade of liquors of all kinds.

Since purchasing the business they have renovated the place extensively and it is now one of the best in town. One of the important features of the business is a well equipped bottling department, a specialty being made of bottled Tivoli lager direct from the Springfield brewery, and high grade ales and porters, which they bottle themselves and deliver to all parts of the town.

Before embarking in business here John Cocheski was in the grocery and meat business in Suffield for about ten years and his brother William was also a resident of that town. John is a member of St. Joseph's society of that town.

Since coming to Thompsonville they have made many friends and business is continually increasing.



MRS. SMYTH'S COAL AND WOOD YARD

F. E. WHITE.

Owner of New Store That Fills a Special Field.

F. E. White, for twelve years connected with the mercantile life of Thompsonville, has filled a long-felt want by opening a thoroughly up-to-date butter and egg store, with teas and coffees as a special feature in connection. The new store, which was opened a few months ago in the Malley block at the corner of Pearl and High streets, has attracted general attention through its bright, modern appearance and a great deal of trade through the excellence of its stock. Its continued success appears to be well assured.

Mr. White came to Thompsonville from East Longmeadow and for five years was in the employ of Arthur Lamy in the grocery business. Then he entered into partnership with T. A. Hartley and they conducted grocery stores on Enfield street and on High street. Later the partnership was dissolved, Mr. White keeping the store on High street which he continued for two years and then entered the insurance business. After that he was with the Co-operative store and W. J. Reeves until he again entered into business for himself in his present quarters.

of cigars, postcards, school supplies, etc., and a thoroughly modern soda fountain is a special feature. Only the highest grades of goods are carried, particular attention being paid to the purity of the confectionery and ice cream.

Personally Mr. Mitchell is widely known and he is a member of Washington Irving council, K. of C., the A. O. H. and Father Mathew Total Abstinence society. He has served the town ably as a registrar of voters and is one of Thompsonville's most progressive young business men.

JULIUS A. HEINZ.

Six Years of Success and Growth in the Soda Business.

The man who makes as good thirst alleviators as Julius A. Heinz, Thompsonville's famous bottler of carbonated beverages, deserves success—and Mr. Heinz is getting what he deserves.

"Drink Heinz's Soda,
Morning, noon and night,
Then you'll always
Feel all right."

That's the way the big sign reads at the State Line and there's more truth than poetry in it. Mr. Heinz, by the way, puts out the most notable advertising signs of anybody in this



JULIUS A. HEINZ

CONNECTICUT RIVER COMPANY

*Incorporated in 1824 to Improve the River Commerce of this Section
Through the Building of the Windsor Locks Canal*

Now Ready to Develop the Vast Power Possibilities of Its Properties

The history of modern river commerce above Hartford and the history of the Connecticut River company are identical, so closely allied are the two and so important a factor is the company in the preservation and development of that commerce.

It was in 1824 that the Connecticut River company came to the rescue of river commerce in this section when its incorporators formed

of prominent citizens of Hartford, after being provided with a light-draft steamboat, the "Barnet," set forth to demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed work and to interest parties above in the scheme. The "Barnet" was launched in New York Sept. 26, 1824, arriving at Hartford on the 15th of November.

The trip of demonstration started a week later, the "Barnet" being the

Springfield and other towns being present.

The canal was completed in 1829. Around the bluff at the present railroad bridge the river bank was abrupt, rocky and high, and it was necessary for some distance at that point to lay the foundation of the towpath in the bed of the river. Runs were made for the wheelbarrows extending from the top of the

necticut River company persisted in the arduous task and November 10, 1829, the canal was completed and the water let in, a big celebration marking the day.

Mr. Blanchard brought a company of gentlemen from Springfield with his newly-invented stern-wheel steamer and went out of the lower locks into the river and returned through the same into the canal. There were two scow boats with horses attached ready to join in the procession. Hartford sent an even larger delegation than did Springfield, and the occasion was a gala one.

For the first fifteen or twenty years of the canal many up-river scow boats owned by Northampton and Springfield companies, and companies from other towns above, passed through it and this continued until 1845, when the railroad was opened and business naturally fell off.

A stern-wheel steamer ran daily between Springfield and Hartford, down over the falls and up through the canal, the fare from the lower locks, a mile below the present railroad station, to Hartford being 50 cents.

The freighting business through the canal began to decline as soon as the Boston and Albany railroad was opened and ceased altogether after the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad was opened, though the boats were able to compete with the railroad for the freight of coal to the Windsor Locks mills on the canal bank, as it could be wheeled from the boats directly to the coal bins at slight expense for handling.

After congress passed the "short haul" bill the railroad was compelled to bring coal at no higher price than they charged the Holyoke mills, where they met the railroad competition of the Boston and Albany, and since then the Enfield falls canal has not been used for freighting purposes.

The water power of the canal was used by the distillery which stood where the Haskell & Hayden silk mill now stands, with its building extending down to the rolling mill. It was originally supplied from Add's brook, with a pond where the canal now is, which, being in the line of the canal, was discontinued, and the canal company laid a flume on a line with the bottom of their proposed canal and built their towpath over it. This was the first water power drawn from the canal, but this added nothing to its income as it was given in exchange.

After about fifteen years, but a small part of the water power had been taken, and the canal company took a new departure and granted several leases at greatly reduced prices, among them being one to Ripley & Co., of Hartford, of 700 inches at a perpetual lease of \$1.00 per square inch per annum, which was less than the price before. As an aid to building up the village, the canal company subscribed \$200 in aid of the erection of the first church

edifice, built in 1846. In 1848, Haskell & Hayden, with the consent of the company, removed their flumes to a wheel-pit, where, with double the fall they doubled their power, the canal company closing up the original flume which it put in.

The manufacturing interests and the village increased rapidly from the time of that new departure, and to the Connecticut River company must be accorded the prosperity of

existed, either in being or name, for it was the company which secured the village a name and a postoffice shortly after the completion of the canal. That the company's achievements are actually responsible for the existence of the village which has grown up around it cannot, of course, be questioned.

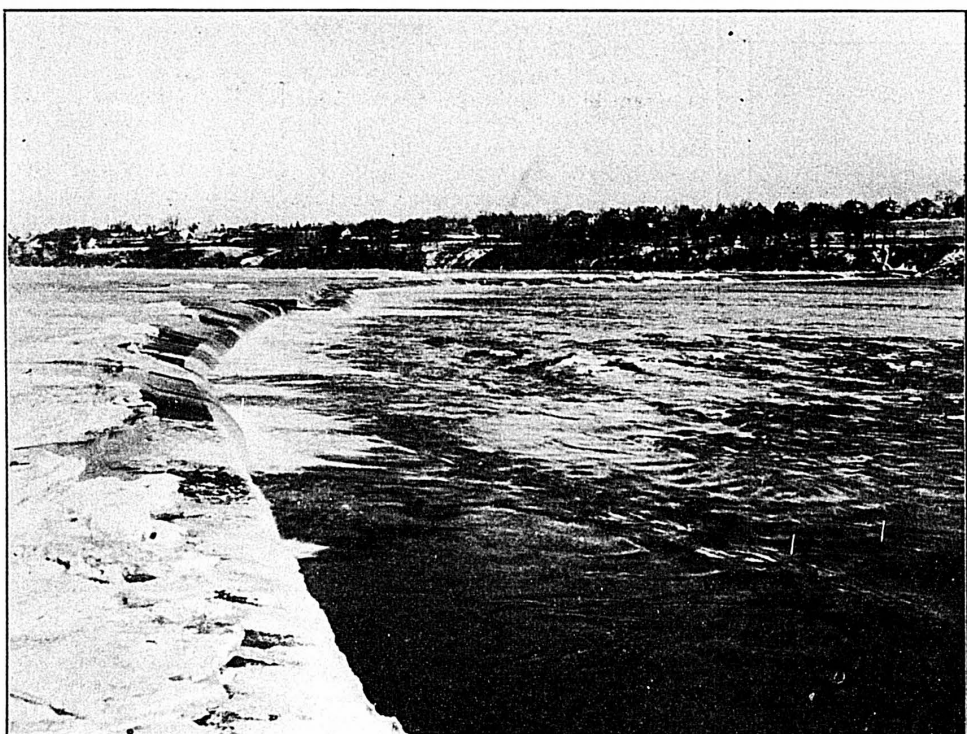
Now the Connecticut River company faces a new era which promises much for the community at large.

ment assures the success of the project under that company's direction.

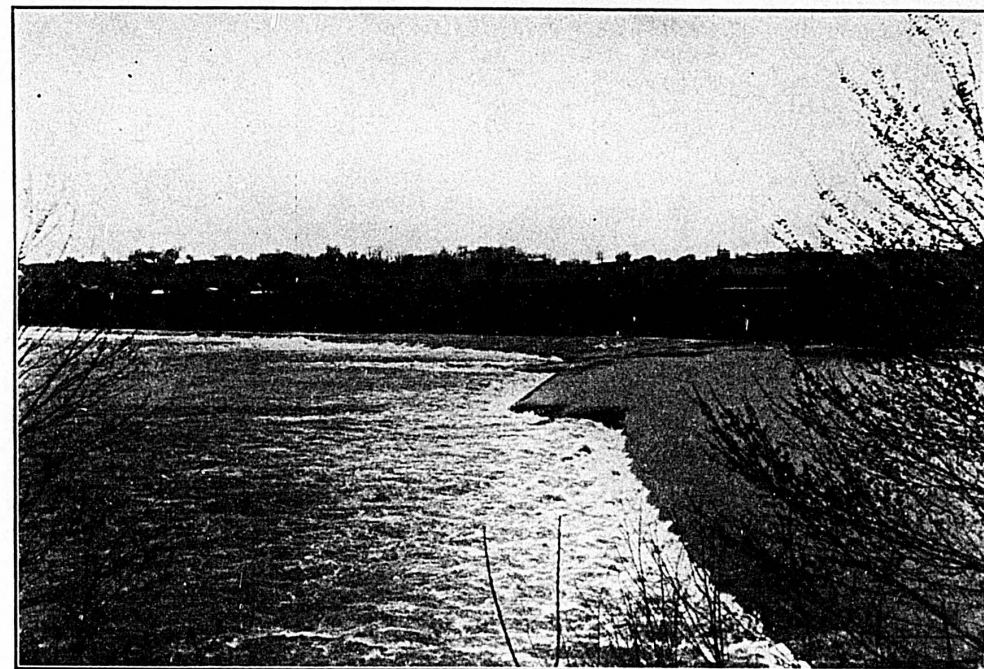
The board of directors is made up of the following well-known men, prominent in the business and financial interests in this section:

J. R. Montgomery, Windsor Locks, president of The J. R. Montgomery company and a director in The Windsor Locks Trust and Safe Deposit company.

E. B. Bailey, Windsor Locks, presi-



THE DAM AT ENFIELD—VIEW FROM GATE HOUSE—LOOKING EAST



THE DAM AT ENFIELD—VIEW FROM RAILROAD—LOOKING WEST

the company for the purpose of offsetting an effort to divert up-river trade to New Haven, the legislature two years previously having chartered a company to build a canal from New Haven via Farmington to Northampton, connecting at the latter point with the Connecticut river

first steamboat to go above the Hartford bridge. The trip attracted intense interest and the voyagers were saluted with musketry from both banks of the river as they progressed. With what rapidity they progressed is indicated by the remark of a man who discovered that the boat "could

bluff and out over the towpath, and the earth was wheeled out and dumped into the framework prepared to receive it below, but during the work a freshet in the river carried away all that had been done at that point and above.

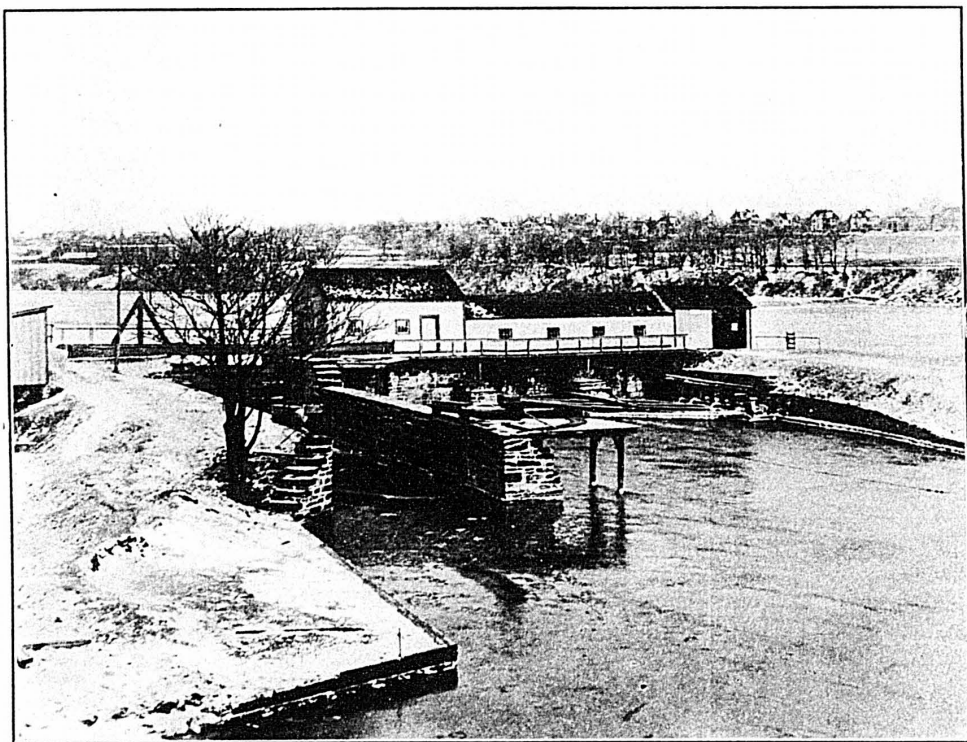
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Windsor Locks today. Where the community would have been now had the company never been formed, or had it been less determined in its efforts to protect and develop the water possibilities here, is an interesting question. In fact, Windsor Locks would probably have never

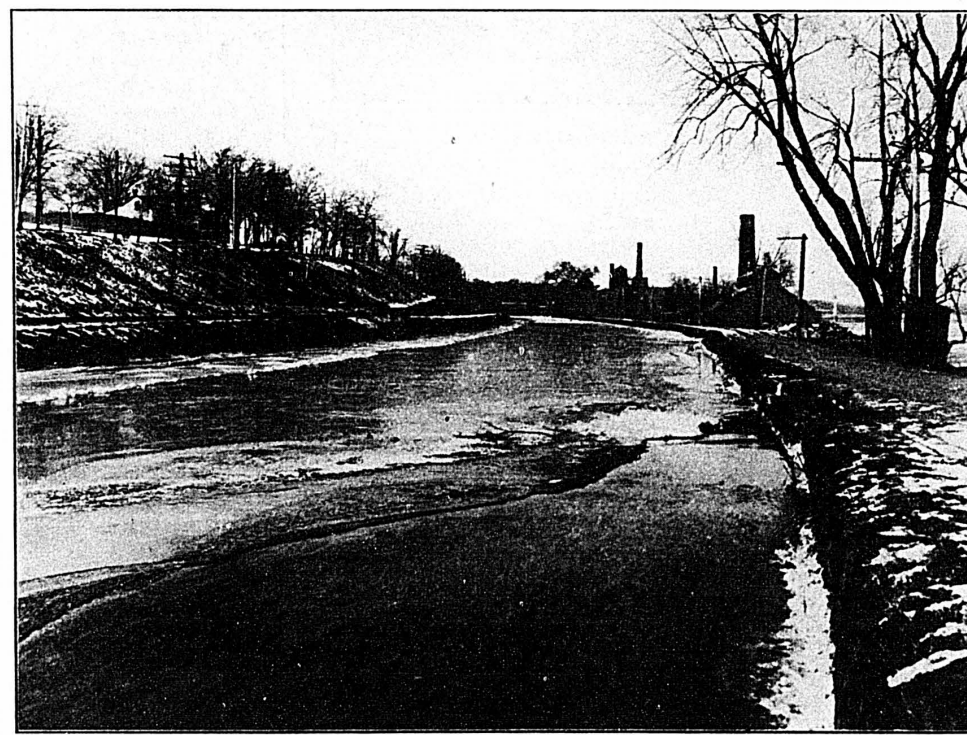
In the face of great obstacles, some natural and some the outcome of rivalry, its present progressive management proposes to develop its valuable water power in a manner that cannot fail to be of vast service to this section and of great importance to the industrial development of a

dent and treasurer of The E. Horton & Sons company and a director in The Windsor Locks Trust and Safe Deposit company.

H. R. Coffin, Windsor Locks, member of the firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons and a director of The Windsor Locks Trust and Safe Deposit com-



GATE HOUSE AND LOCK AT HEAD OF CANAL



VIEW NEAR THE LOWER END OF CANAL

about 40 miles above Hartford.

Quick to oppose any such effort to shut Hartford and this vicinity out of the valuable trade at that time a feature of river traffic, the incorporators of the Connecticut River company, chiefly Hartford business men of excellent standing, obtained a charter which would enable it to operate not only to Enfield falls but, with the co-operation of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, to open and improve the navigation to the headwaters of the Connecticut and to Lake Memphremagog.

Erie canal, between Albany and Buffalo, was proving a success, not only in carrying freight, but becoming a great thoroughfare of travel between the east and west, and it was considered equally feasible to make Hartford the point of departure for a similar line of travel by packet boats along the Connecticut river to its headwaters and to Canada.

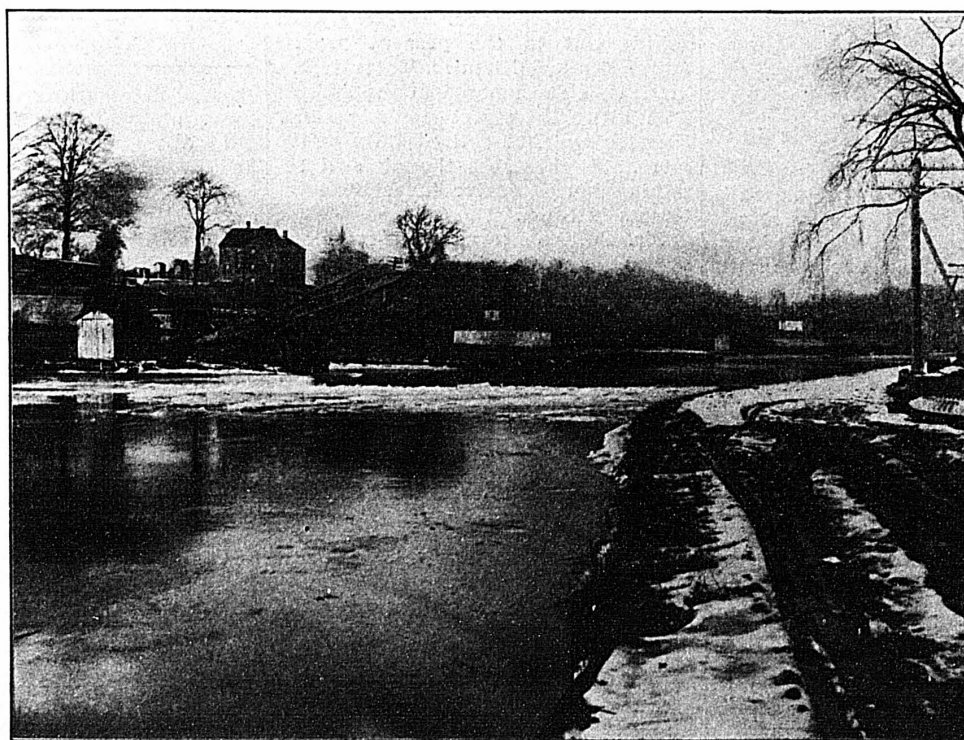
In November, 1824, a committee

go as fast as he could walk abreast of her."

The "Barnet" reached Warehouse Point, where Pynchon's vessel was arrested by the falls nearly two hundred years before. The next morning she took on a number of "falls men" and attempted to get over the falls, but only succeeded in getting a little above the present railroad bridge and returned to Hartford.

November 27, 1824, a second trial was made with a scow boat lashed to each side, manned by thirty "falls men" with their setting poles, and they succeeded in getting over the falls, reaching Springfield the same day.

This trip was a great success. The "Barnet" reached Brattleboro, Vt., December 12, and started on the return trip two days later, arriving in Hartford the 19th. The trip demonstrated the feasibility of the project and the event was celebrated by a great supper at John Morgan's coffee house in Hartford, many guests from



THE CANAL NORTH OF THE WINDSOR MILL

great area in this part of the state.

In 1909, the Connecticut River company secured from the legislature an amendment to its charter allowing it to build a new dam in the vicinity of the railroad bridge for the purpose of developing electric power, and it is estimated that more than 25,000 horse-power can be produced for distribution throughout Hartford county. This amendment has still to be ratified by congress and is pending there. Another amendment, allowing the company to increase its bond issue, is pending before the present session of the legislature.

The Connecticut River company, right on the ground ever since 1824, and the original promoters of all that has been accomplished to date, including the building of a prosperous manufacturing village, are ready to start along the new lines the minute the necessary legislation is passed and the personality of the men now associated in the company's manage-

pany.

A. D. Coffin, Windsor Locks, member of the firm of C. H. Dexter & Sons, a director in The Connecticut River Banking company and a trustee of The State Savings bank of Hartford.

S. E. Elmore, Hartford, president of The Connecticut River Banking company and a director in several other leading institutions of Hartford.

H. W. Erving, Hartford, cashier of The Connecticut River Banking company.

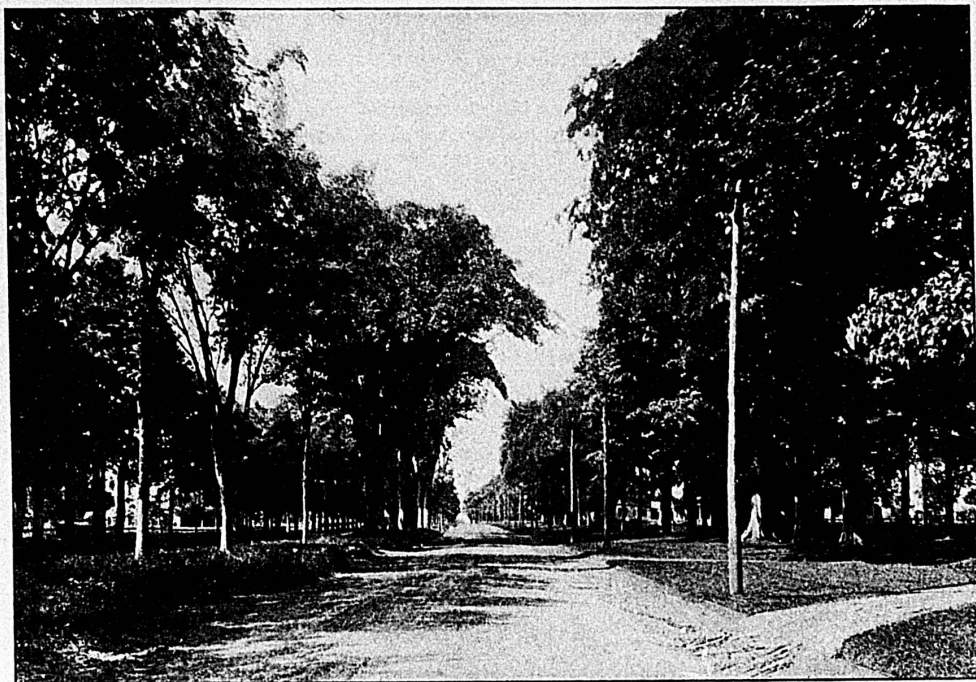
Normand F. Allen, Hartford, Sage-Allen & Co.

Leon P. Broadhurst, Hartford, cashier Phoenix National bank.

Colonel W. C. Skinner, Hartford, president Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing company and a director in many important enterprises.

A. D. Coffin of Windsor Locks is president of The Connecticut River company and Leon P. Broadhurst of Hartford is secretary and treasurer.

- BEAUTIFUL OLD ENFIELD STREET -



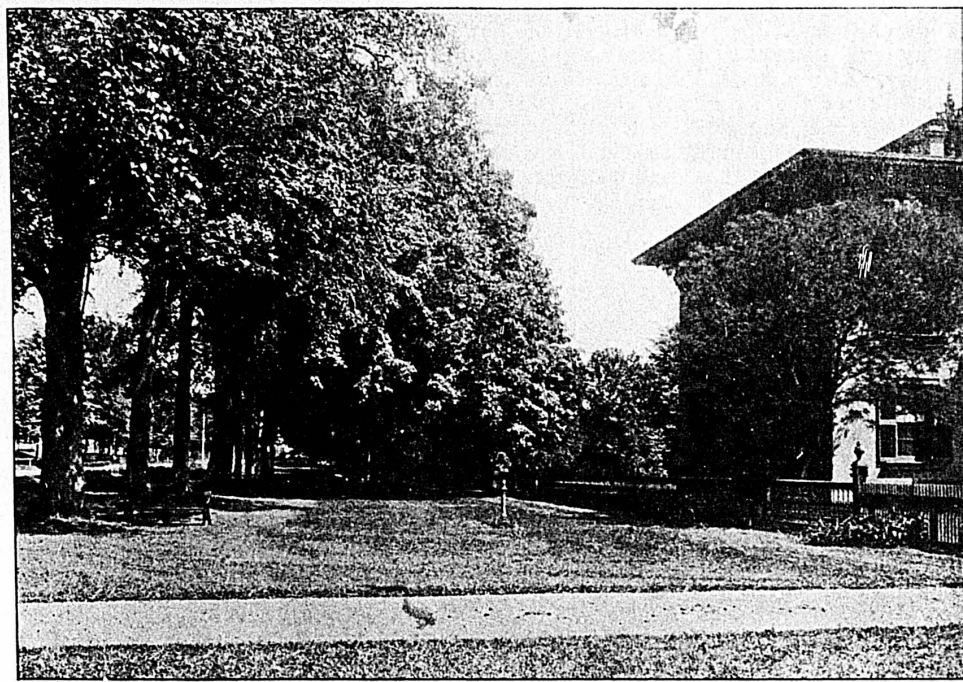
VIEW OF ENFIELD STREET

Admirably located on the summit of long and gradually rising hills, this beautiful and historic old street, but little more than half a mile from the bed of the Connecticut river some 150 feet below, presents a glorious panorama of Connecticut hills and woods and vales and waters interspersed with rising spires and chimneys of industrious villages.

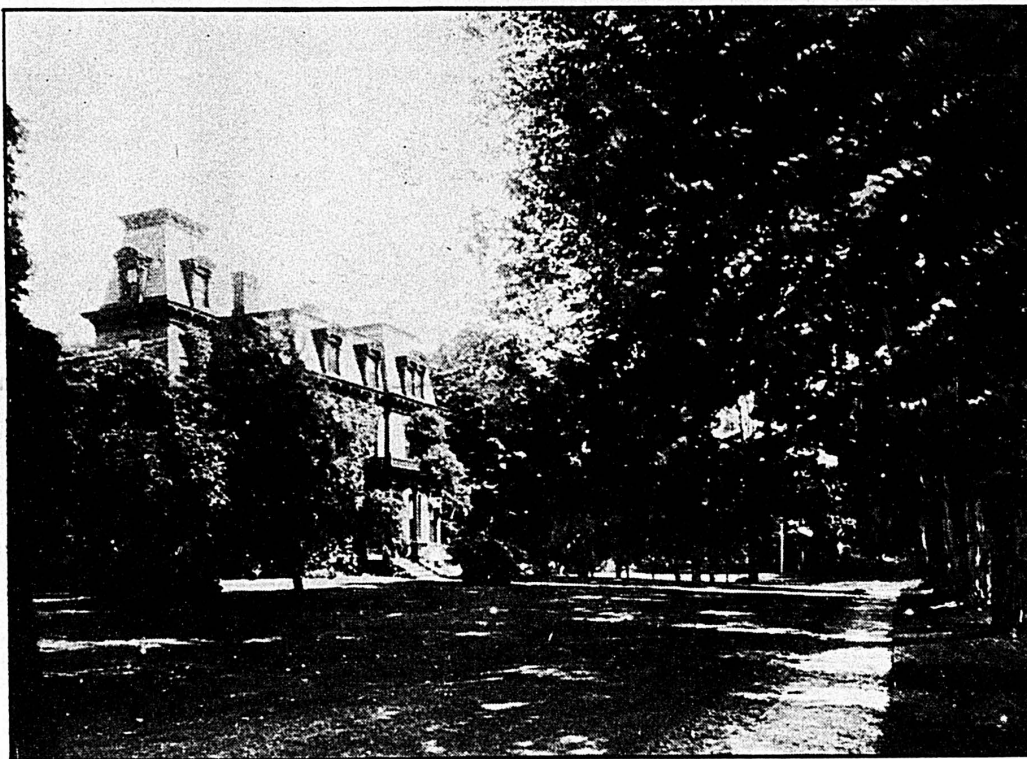
The present old cemetery marks the place where the town's first actual settler, John Pease, spent his first winter in a "dug-out." His son, John Pease, Jr., who was a civil engineer, laid out Enfield street and the farms that bordered it. It was wide enough to admit four rows of trees and presented the appearance of a park.

For a century and a half this was the center of business and population, the flourishing and prosperous villages of Thompsonville and Hazardville being largely pasture and woodland until the beginning of carpet and gunpowder manufacturing, nearly three-quarters of a century ago.

This fine thoroughfare, originally part of the old Boston and New York turnpike, is now the popular and direct route connecting Hartford and Springfield. Luxuriant with sheltering elm and climbing vine and bordered with an expanse of green lawns and comfortable homes, which bespeak of the town's most interesting history and people, its attractiveness is much admired by thousands of tourists in automobile and trolley.



HAZARD PLACE, ENFIELD STREET



DR. VAIL'S RESIDENCE



DR. EDWIN SMITH VAIL



ELMCROFT SANATORIUM

ELMCROFT

The rapidity of the twentieth century pace, particularly in America, plays havoc with the nerves of those who are, by force of circumstances, compelled to take the lead in the business or the social world. Men and women become literally "worn out," their nervous energy is depleted and their power to accomplish their

tasks diminishes almost to the vanishing point while they are still in the time of life when all their powers should be at their greatest.

Rest and careful, scientific treatment by specialists can, however, restore the wasted energy and the full mental vigor, and in this branch of the medical profession Dr. Edwin

Smith Vail is one of the most successful. His beautiful retreat, Elmcroft, with its fifty acres of shady lawns, orchards, meadows and woodland, makes an ideal resting place for nervous invalids.

Elmcroft was established in 1890. For ten years patients were received in the physician's own home, a handsome brick structure on Enfield street. His successes, however, caused such a number of patients to seek him that it became necessary, in

1900, to erect a larger building on the land adjoining.

Two years ago it again became necessary to enlarge, a fine new building being erected at the rear of the main sanatorium, giving him thirty-eight bedrooms for use, and plans are now being perfected for still another building to be erected.

No idea of the nature of the institution can, however, be gained from an exterior view. It resembles a private estate, and all appearance of a

hospital is carefully avoided. The view across the Connecticut river to the West is magnificent, while to the East the long stretch of rolling meadows and woodland end in the purple haze of the hills about Palmer.

Dr. Vail is a member of the Connecticut Society of Alienists and his address last year before that body on the subject, "Over Pressure in the Public Schools," has attracted world-wide attention.

Dr. Vail is a deep student, broad-

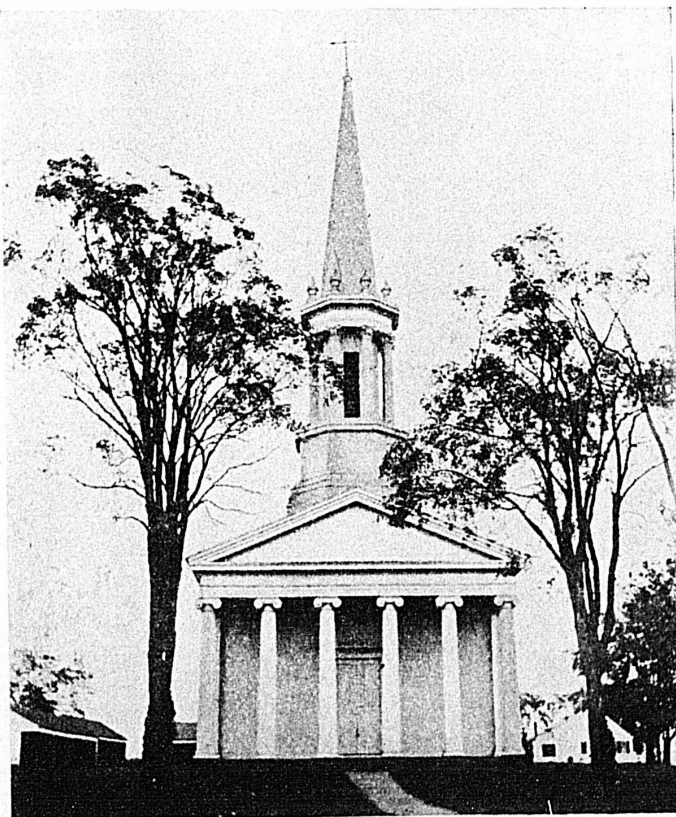
SANATORIUM

minded, enthusiastic. He creates in his patients a feeling of confidence, and as he is a firm believer in the regenerative powers of suggestion he early obtains an influence for good upon those in his charge.

Elmcroft is easily reached from New York, Boston or any other point, and the electric cars from Springfield and Hartford pass the premises. Open fireplaces are an attractive feature in the rooms, which are lighted

by electricity and are finished in hard wood. Every modern appliance for comfort or convenience is installed and patients are at once impressed with the feeling of "being at home."

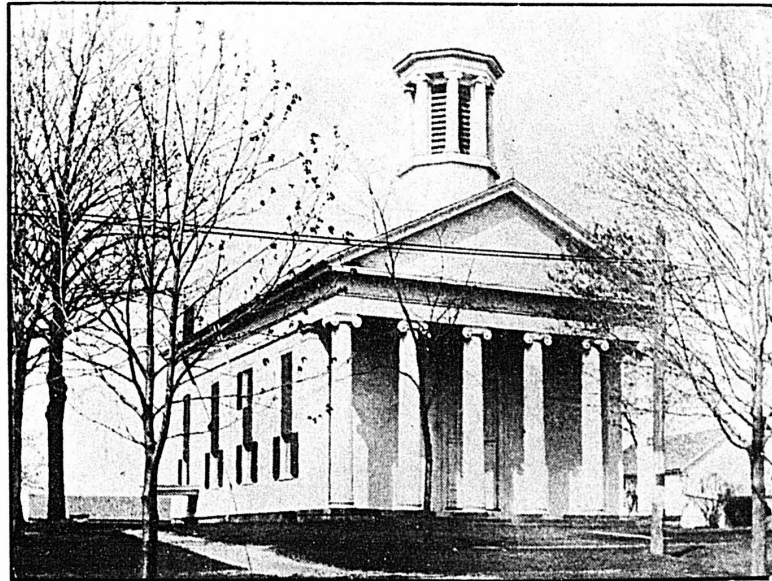
Dr. Vail is ably assisted in his work at the institution by his son, Dr. Thornton E. Vail, a graduate of Yale university and the Johns Hopkins Medical school, of Baltimore, Md.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



RECREATION GROUNDS, ELMCROFT SANATORIUM



CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH

HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

A Successful Independent System of Modern Equipment and Excellent Service, Linking Enfield With Two Large Cities and Materially Aiding in the Town's Development and Prosperity.

The Hartford and Springfield Street Railway Company's progenitor was the Enfield and Longmeadow Street Railway, which was organized and built to run from a connection with the Springfield Street Railway company's cars at the State Line in Longmeadow, to the Warehouse Point side of the Windsor Locks and Warehouse Point suspension bridge. The Enfield and Longmeadow Street Railway was distinctly a local undertaking, and the stockholders were recruited from the substantial men of Thompsonville and Enfield street, with one or two capitalists from other cities. Among the local men were Mr. L. A. Upson, George Mathewson and Judge Briscoe.

Enfield's first electric road was built in the times when interurban roads had not attained the development which they have since reached. The power station was situated on Fresh Water brook in Thompsonville and contained some sturdy high-speed engines and generators which, although not of large capacity, were so well built and installed as to make it possible for the road to give thoroughly good power service during the period of its existence. The large vertical boilers which were installed in this same power station were looked at with a good deal of curiosity on the part of the public, espe-

cially after the Enfield and Longmeadow road, as a property, went out of existence and they were taken down and sold preparatory to moving the source of power from Thompsonville to the present modern large power station at Warehouse Point. The Enfield and Longmeadow cars were of the single-truck variety now seldom seen on interurban lines, and every man among the road's old patrons will remember with what gusto he enjoyed the ride from the State Line to Thompsonville when the track happened to be a trifle out of surface and the springs on the short cars happened to be in a state of uniting. The track was not out of surface often, however, and the springs were not rebellious except at intervals. An unusually high class of men were broken in on the cars belonging to the Enfield and Longmeadow company. Some of these men are

still in service on the Hartford and Springfield road, and are valued highly by that road's management. Among these may be mentioned John McCarty, a motorman who enjoys the peculiar distinction of having never once, since he began service for the present management, been called in to explain an accident or a misdemeanor of any kind. Another old Enfield and Longmeadow employee is Frank Lovejoy, who at present occupies a position of considerable trust in the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company's employ, acting as he does in the summer as the cashier of their park property, and in the fall and winter as No. 1 in the list of conductors. Robert Kelly is yet another employee, an accomplished motorman and now acting as special traffic agent for the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company in its closer relations with the public. Allen Chilson is the only remaining employee of the old road who is still in the service of the newer company, and he, too, has become of special prominence in the carrying on of the company's business. To Mr. Chilson is given the responsibility for successfully handling the carload freight business which the company does during a good portion of the year through the town of East Windsor.

had operated for about three years, and was acquired by the present proprietors in 1898. As an interurban line for accommodation it fell short principally from the fact that it went no farther south than Warehouse Point. Its abrupt ending there resulted in its patronage being confined to people visiting Thompsonville from Springfield, or Warehouse Point and to some extent Windsor Locks from Springfield and the inter-

cars went through without transfer. Later, about three years ago, the new stone bridge, with its beautiful arches spanning the Connecticut river, was ready for public and trolley traffic. Since then the history of

private right-of-way to Hazardville and thence by highway to Somersville and Somers. This road to Somers was finished in the fall and was operated for about six months to a point about two and one-half miles from Somers at what is known as the "Flat Iron" in Somersville. The Somers and Enfield road proved a fair feeder to the main line, although the discontinuance of the Dupont de Nemours Powder company of the Hazardville plant, as an active mill, resulted in a considerable falling off in the population of Hazardville and was a keen disappointment to the promoters of the electric road.

On September 1, 1904, the West Side line between Suffield and Windsor was constructed by the Hartford and Springfield company under the name of the Windsor Locks Traction company. This line penetrates a part of the territory along the west side of the Connecticut river of the very greatest importance from both an agricultural and manufacturing standpoint. The road touches the beautiful town of Suffield, runs along the principal street of the active manufacturing town of Windsor Locks, and connects with the Hartford Street Railway company's tracks in the center of Windsor.

In 1906 the Rockville division was promoted and built from a connection with the East Side line in Warehouse Point, through the villages of Broad Brook, Melrose and Ellington, to the city of Rockville. As a feeder to the East Side line this branch has proved inferior to the branch to Hazardville and Somers, but is showing improvement from year to year and it is hoped eventually will help to build up a prosperous community of a character which will make the road a larger earner.

The people of Enfield are naturally most interested in that part of the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company's road which traverses their own town. There were times in the earlier history of the property when the service between the two cities and even the service which was given between Thompsonville and Springfield, was not such as could be thoroughly depended upon. Those times, we are glad to say, have gone and today a passenger can take the car in Thompsonville for either Springfield or Hartford and feel as sure, or surer, of reaching his destination as he would had he taken the competing steam line of the New Haven road. The substantial and speedy equipments which are used for the transportation of passengers are excelled by those of no other road in the state. With a nucleus formed of the old men taken over from the Enfield and Longmeadow road, the company has built up an organization of gentlemanly employees, whose endeavor it is to show the traveling public that with them courtesy is a privilege and not a burden.

The management of the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway has been actuated in the development of the property by business motives. It is hardly necessary to say that a prosperous trolley system is made prosperous only by a conservative plan on the part of the management and cordial co-operation on the part of the public. The greatest good to the greatest number must form a rigid backbone for the policy of any street railway. The local manager has at times perhaps appeared to be a trifle set in his opinions and to a degree obstinate in the forwarding of his plans. In this connection, however, it should be remembered that the operation of electric lines and the layout of schedules and car service, has reached the state of an exact science. The old days, when John Smith in his office in the mill could, with superficial thought and no experience, direct the destinies of an electric road, are past. That type of manager delayed the development of a great many electric lines, but in street railway directorates today it is universally conceded that a technical manager trained in the business

and having the courage of his convictions when engaged in the operation of a road, is a necessity.

The Hartford and Springfield Street Railway has in its directorate the following gentlemen: William A. Tucker, Boston, Mass.; Chauncey Eldridge, Boston, Mass.; Thomas C. Perkins, Hartford, Conn.; Francis R. Cooley, Hartford, Conn.; Earl D. Church, Hartford, Conn.; Normand F. Allen, Hartford, Conn.; Harold Stevens, Hartford, Conn.; Charles A. Thompson, Ellington, Conn.; Frederick Harris, Springfield, Mass.; Harrison B. Freeman, Hartford, Conn.

Messrs. Tucker and Eldridge are members of a firm of bankers who first had the courage to undertake the construction of the road between the two cities. Messrs. Perkins and Cooley are Hartford bankers of large means, who have been responsible for the promotion and financing for much of the Hartford and Springfield railway's mileage. Messrs. Thompson and Allen are prominent business men residing along the line of the road, while Messrs. Harris and Stevens are presidents each of the largest National bank in Springfield and Hartford. Mr. H. B. Freeman, Jr., is one of the substantial lawyers of the city of Hartford, and Mr. Earl D. Church is prominently engaged in that most characteristic of Hartford's vocations, the insurance business.

Henry S. Newton, general manager of the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company, was elected to that position in 1903 and took charge of the plant in March of that year. Previous to that time he was connected with various enterprises, having built and operated for two years the Syracuse, Lakeside and

Baldwinsville railway and later managed the Beaver Valley Traction company in Pennsylvania for over two years.

As a preliminary to his work in the management of railway properties Mr. Newton spent five years as electrical engineer for the Syracuse Consolidated Street railway and the Syracuse Street railway. After the organization of those two companies he was electrical engineer with the Syracuse Rapid Transit Railway company.

During his connection with the Hartford and Springfield railway he has seen the road grow from a line of about 21 miles in length to a total length of single track of about 48 miles. Mr. Newton's position has been one of some difficulty, necessitating the use of tact in order to preserve friendly relations with the public and the interests at both ends of the road. During his incumbency of office both the Springfield Street Railway company and the Hartford Street railway have been under the successful management of three different officials. The fact that the Hartford and Springfield road is between two very much larger and totally independent systems has required the greatest perseverance and good judgment to preserve friendly relations.

The fact that whenever a change is made in the running time of the Hartford and Springfield road it necessitates a similar change on both the adjoining roads is not generally recognized by the traveling public. That two other changes must be made after one is decided upon on the local road means that an effort, sometimes persisted in for years, must be put forth.



HENRY S. NEWTON

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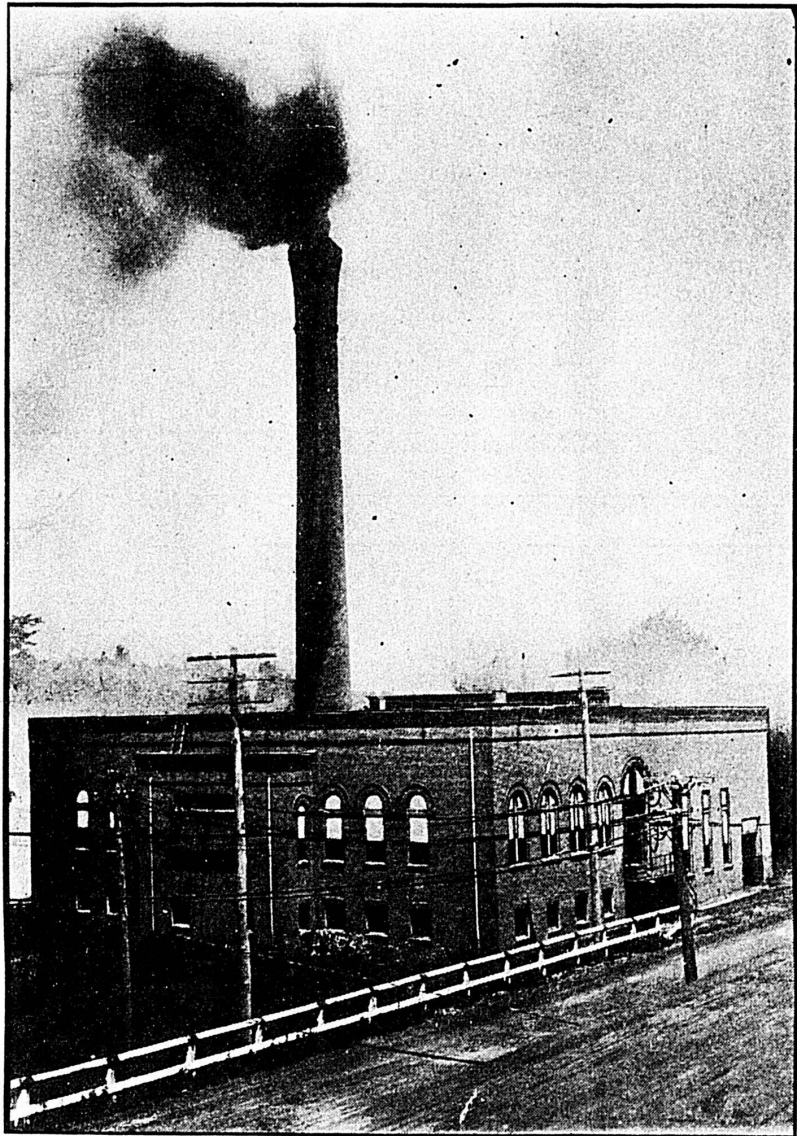
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When the Enfield and Longmeadow road was sold, and was connected up as a link in the through trolley line between Hartford and Springfield, the proprietors of that road turned over to the new people something besides the usual two streaks of rust and a franchise. It is true that the carhouse had to be abandoned, but a considerable part of the rail, which formed a portion of the Enfield and Longmeadow company's equipment, is still in service on the Hartford and Springfield Street Railway company's lines, and makes good, straight, easy riding roadbed. Most of it has been relaid and new ties have been installed, but the fact that it is in the right-of-way is a testimonial to the character of the men who built the first road and is a strong indorsement of their intentions to build on honor.

The Enfield and Longmeadow road

STREET RAILWAY CAR BARN

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STREET RAILWAY POWER STATION

vening territory. The logical terminus of the road everyone conceded was the city of Hartford, and to this terminus the new proprietors with all diligence began directing the way.

The really interesting history of the East Side Hartford and Springfield line is practically included in the account of the organization and building of the Enfield and Longmeadow line and in the history of multitudinous delays and patient waiting on the part of the stockholders for the completion of the undergrade crossing and the new bridge over the Connecticut river between East Hartford and the city itself.

For years the patient trolley rider between the two cities was compelled to get out and walk a distance varying from 150 to 600 feet, from the car which had taken him from Springfield to East Hartford, to another car across the gap, which would take him from East Hartford to the city. Again the same patron was compelled for a series of years, so long as to reflect on the industry of the Hartford people to hold his breath in fear and trembling while

the East Side line has been one of continuous effort on the part of the management, first to decrease as far as safety would allow the interval of time spent on the road between the two cities, and second in devising means by which the most perfect service could be given the traveling public. The East Side is the trunk line of the Hartford and Springfield system, and efforts are being made by the management to keep the road in as near a state of perfection as the revenues from public patronage will allow.

The purchasers of the Enfield and Longmeadow road and progenitors of the Hartford and Springfield company, were early in the game alive to the possibilities of trolley traffic between their property in the village of Thompsonville and the outlying towns of Hazardville, Scitico, Somersville and Somers. In the year 1902 a charter having been obtained for the Somers and Enfield Electric road, work was begun on a line similar in its general features to the parent road between a point on the latter road at Mathewson's corner, through



DR. THORNTON EDWIN VAIL

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Dr. Thornton Edwin Vail, one of the most promising of Enfield's younger physicians, was born in Wallingford, Conn., January 10, 1887, and came to Enfield as a child when his father, Edwin S. Vail, M. D., first opened a sanatorium here.

Dr. Vail received his early education in the public schools of the town and, following a two years' term at the Enfield High school, he went to the Riverview Military academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He then entered the Sheffield Scientific school of Yale university, where he was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. in 1907. From Yale he was enrolled at Johns Hopkins Medical school, Baltimore, and received in 1911, the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While

there he was chosen a member of Pi Mu National Medical Fraternity. The past year Dr. Vail has divided his time between the medical and surgical wards of the Johns Hopkins hospital, where he has done a great deal of practical work.

In 1907 he married Miss Josephine Eldridge of York, Pa. They have two children. Dr. Vail is building a handsome brick colonial residence on the east side of Enfield street, two doors north of his father's home, which will be a model of modern conveniences, combined with the exact New England architecture inside and out.

Dr. Vail is assisting his father at the sanatorium and will open an office in Thompsonville as well as at the sanatorium for general practice in the near future.

ISAAC A. ALLEN.

Direct Descendant of Early Settlers and Highly Respected Citizen.

Although 84 years of age Isaac A. Allen, who lives on a fine farm on Enfield street in a big, comfortable homestead, has forgotten to grow old. All his life he has been one of those natural born hustlers and he still gets around and does his work about the place with the agility of a man many years his junior.

He was born in Enfield, being the son of Chauncey Allen, whose family were among the original settlers of Enfield. When he was 24 Mr. Allen bought the Orrin Thompson place on Enfield street, married Harriet Jane Carrier, daughter of Omri Gates Carrier, also of early settler stock, and conducted the farm for 10 years, after which he traveled for a Westfield, Mass., tobacco and cigar concern for five years, and later represented a Bristol, Conn., clock factory.

Then he embarked in the tobacco and cigar business with a partner, the firm being Allen & Potter, with a factory where the old Ephraim Potter store is on Enfield street. For six years he traveled 19 states over and over. Meanwhile he bought his present place of 25 acres, built the barn in 1866 and the house in 1876, moving in Thanksgiving week. He

gave up the tobacco business the year before and has conducted the farm ever since.

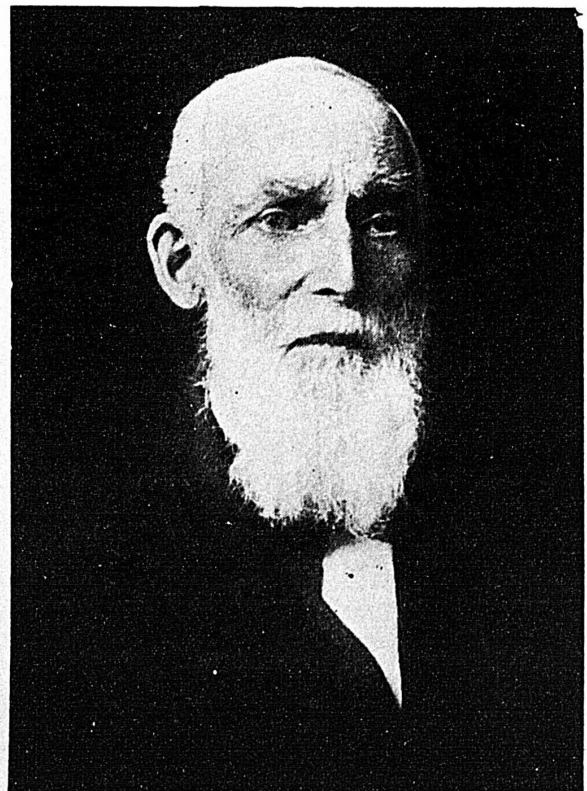
Mr. Allen is a charter member of Doric lodge of Masons, joining when it started, 50 years ago, and there are now only four members of the

original 14 living.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, two of whom are living, Isaac A. Allen, Jr., the well-known architect of Hartford, and Mrs. Louis Burns, formerly of Pittsfield, Mass., and now of Enfield.



ISAAC A. ALLEN'S RESIDENCE



ISAAC A. ALLEN



ISAAC A. ALLEN, JR.

THE HAZARD LEAD WORKS

Phenomenal Growth of Manufactory Started In Hazardville Only a Few Years Ago. Its Product, the Famous Hazard Paints, Now Sold in Every State Throughout the Country

Hazardville Industry With Business Increasing 100 Per Cent. Per Year

WILLIAM H. WHITNEY.

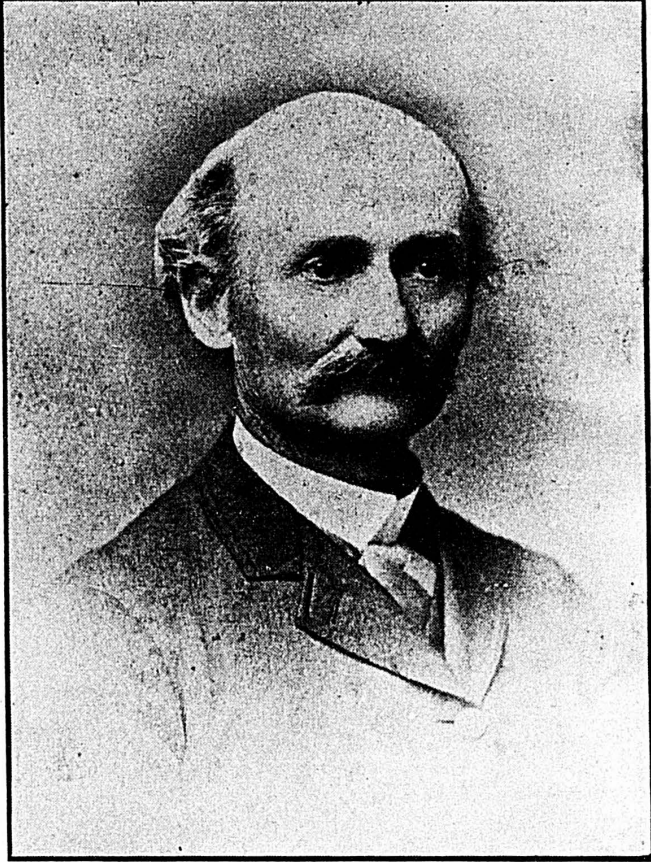
Thompsonville Resident Who Spent Many Years in Educational Work.

William H. Whitney, who has spent most of his life in educational work and who is one of Thompsonville's most respected residents, was born in Southwick, Mass., in 1834, and graduated from the Suffield Literary institute. He took up teaching as a profession and taught in New Hartford for five years, one year in the Granville, Mass., academy, one year in the Thompsonville High school

H. Whitney, Jr., and another daughter, Mrs. Edith Grace McClurg, resides in Amsterdam, N. Y., where her husband is engaged in business.

Mrs. Whitney was Miss Rosina Bostock, daughter of John Bostock, who was one of Thompsonville's well known residents, and August 16 of this year will be the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. Whitney comes from Revolutionary stock and Mrs. Whitney's grandfather, Thomas Bostock, was a Waterloo soldier who lived in Thompsonville from 1848 up to the



WILLIAM H. WHITNEY

and one year at Elm Green academy, Granby.

Mr. Whitney then removed to East Henrietta, Monroe county, New York, near Rochester, where for five years he held the lease of the Monroe academy, a preparatory day and boarding school, and conducted it as principal.

After that Mr. Whitney entered the school-book publishing business, being for five years with J. W. Schermerhorn and then for 30 years with the prominent firm of Cowperthwaite & Co., Philadelphia, having charge of the New York field for them. At the conclusion of his long term with that concern he was for a short time with Ginn & Co. of New York, a branch of the Boston firm of that name, after which the American School-Book Publishing com-

time of his death at the age of 94, about 1887. Many prominent Thompsonville people used to gather to hear his tales of that famous battle.

Mr. Whitney's grandfather, Samuel P. Whitney, was born in Simsbury, Nov. 11, 1775, and lived to be 98. His wife, Mrs. Lois Butties Whitney, was born in Granby in 1782. They moved to Montville, O., where they lived until their deaths.

From the same family is descended Eli Whitney, who originated the first cotton gin, also Asa Whitney, who made the first proposition to build the Pacific railroad. Mr. Whitney's great grandfathers on both sides were Revolutionary soldiers. His father, William L. Whitney, was born in Granby and died at the age of 26. His mother was Emeline Hol-



WILLIAM H. WHITNEY'S RESIDENCE

pany absorbed practically all the school-book concerns and Mr. Whitney, concluding that he had well earned a rest, retired from business and took up his home here where he had maintained a residence for 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, with three of their daughters, have an exceptionally pleasant home on Enfield street. The daughters are Miss Anna L. Whitney, Miss Mabel O. Whitney, who is a graduate nurse, and Miss Amy I. Whitney, who has charge of the office of The Hazard Lead Works at Hazardville. Not far distant is the residence of their son, William

comb, a member of a widely known family, her brother, Amasa Holcomb of Southwick, being the inventor of the first telescope in this country, said to have been the equal of any imported. Another brother was a professor in Yale university and M. B. Whitney of Westfield, former state's attorney and celebrated lawyer, is a cousin.

Mr. Whitney was nominated for town clerk and judge of probate by his party against Robert E. Spencer, also for state representative against M. J. Connor in 1906, but was defeated in an "off" year. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

THE HAZARD LEAD WORKS.

The United States has many instances of phenomenal growth in business but few if any surpass, in proportion, that of The Hazard Lead Works at Hazardville. Started in December, 1904, under conditions which might be considered adverse, this concern has continued to gain such a place in the market for its products that it now has great difficulty in keeping the supply equal to the demand, despite frequent enlargements of plant and office facilities. Since 1908 the business has increased at the rate of 100 per cent. per year.

The Hazard Lead Works was incorporated at Hazardville in 1904, the parties actively interested being H. Stephen Bridge, Charles C. Mann, F. A. Pickering and W. H. Whitney, Jr. A factory was rented on the premises of Amos D. Bridge and during December and January the company installed engine, boiler and other equipment with three mills for grinding white lead.

Operations were started in February, 1905, with Thomas Lanham of Hazardville as engineer and the operatives were local men. John Bostock of Springfield was general manager and H. Stephen Bridge gave

much personal time and attention to the details of the business until the sudden death of his father gave him heavier duties and made it necessary for him to withdraw in 1906.

By this time, the demand for the product had increased to such an extent, that the company required a factory centrally located, with shipping facilities for southern and western trade and in February, 1907, the factory was built at Brooklyn, N. Y., in addition to the one in Hazardville. This gives some idea of the remarkable manner in which the business had grown within three years.

Another instance of its growth, and incidentally an indication of its effect on Hazardville, is found in the fact that it has raised the Hazardville postoffice from the fourth to the third rate, the change having been made in 1909.

At the outset of the company's activities the chief product was a high grade combination white lead under the brand of "Hazard," which became well established and much in demand through New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and portions of the south. It also manufactured colors in oil for tinting white lead, prepared paints, varnishes and so forth.

For the last four years the market

has been marked by a monopoly of the lead business by the trust, an increasing preference for prepared paints to hand-mixed lead and oil, and by a steady advance in the cost of all paint commodities.

These conditions led to the promotion of a line of moderate priced house paints for which the concern is now famous, The Hazard Paints. The demand is increasing far beyond the capacity to produce.

While Hazard paint is sold in almost every city and village in the United States, the demand at home is further evidence of their worth and popularity, about 90 per cent of the towns of Connecticut are represented by an agency for these paints and other products of the company, among those best known locally being The Thompsonville Hardware company, A. D. Bridge's Sons' Co., Hazardville; F. S. Bidwell & Co., Windsor Locks; H. C. Aborn & Co., Ellington, and The Broad Brook Lumber company, Broad Brook. The goods are distributed from Maine to Florida and from the Atlantic coast through all sections of the middle west and southwest. There is keen competition among dealers to secure the agency for this brand of paint, which is the best testimonial as to its quality.



HAZARD LEAD WORKS FACTORY

J. WARREN JOHNSON.

Prominent Resident and Former Representative in the General Assembly.

Joseph Warren Johnson, one of the best known attorneys of the state and prominent resident of Enfield, is of the ninth generation from John Johnson, who founded the family in America and it is a noteworthy fact that this extended New England ancestry has always been prominent in public affairs.

John Johnson migrated to New England from Boston, or its vicinity, in the county of Lincoln, England, with Governor Winthrop, bringing his wife and family. He settled in Roxbury, Mass., and in 1630 was chosen constable of that town. He was a man of distinction, held in high esteem in the colony of Massachusetts and was a representative to the General Court in 1634, '35, '36, '37, '38, '41, '42, '46, '47, '48, '49, became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company at its first organization in Boston and for many years was surveyor of arms and ammunition in the colony. He died Sept. 30, 1659.

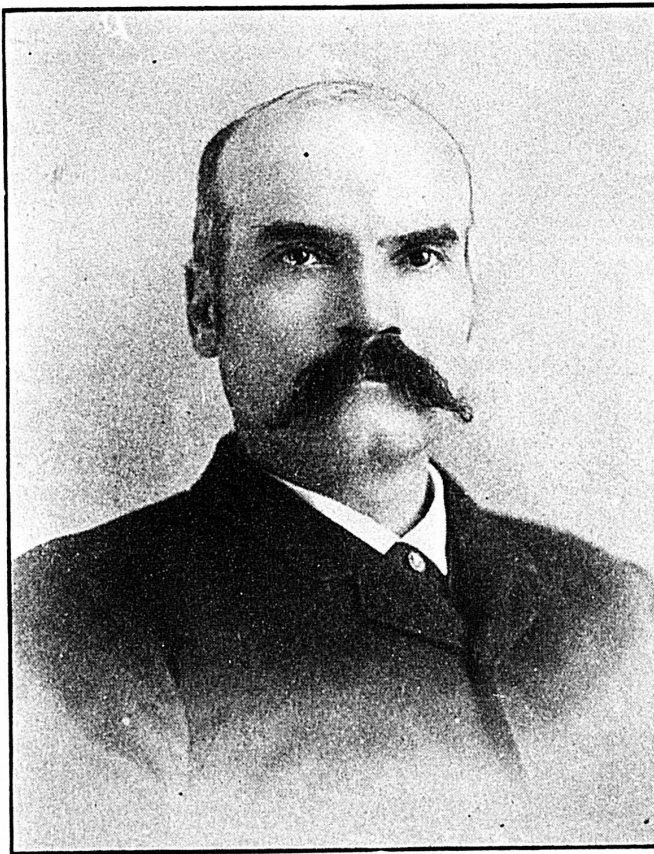
His descendants continued prominent in the affairs of New England for each succeeding generation, Nathaniel Johnson, his grandson, coming to Woodstock, Conn., with the first company of settlers in 1686, and the family was prominent in the Revolutionary war. Aboliah Johnson, father of the subject of this sketch, was born April 28, 1799, at Stafford, removing to Somers in 1830 and to Enfield in 1840. He served as judge of probate for 16 years, town clerk 10 years and represented his town in the legislature for three years. He died March 3, 1893.

Joseph Warren Johnson was born in Somers, Conn., Dec. 2, 1838, and was 18 months old when brought to Enfield by his parents. He received an academic education and taught school for five terms in various districts in this vicinity. He began the study of law in the office of Welsh & Shipman of Hartford and was admitted to the bar in March, 1864, since when he has been in active practice

of his profession with his office in Windsor Locks.

Attorney Johnson has been twice married, his first wife being Julia Eugenia, daughter of John and Frances (Griffing) Bowditch of Shelter Island, N. Y., by whom two children were born, Louise Bowditch and Warren Bowditch, the latter being a graduate of Yale college and

field, and for more than 30 years a member of its society's committee. He was a member of the Board of Education many years before consolidation, and was chairman of the board for several years. He is a member of the F. and A. M., is a republican in politics and has served as a justice of the peace 47 years, and a member of the General As-



J. WARREN JOHNSON

sembly in 1866, 1870 and 1882, when he was chairman of the judiciary committee. He has built up a large practice in law and has always been prominent in town affairs but in spite of the demands upon his time he has found opportunity to gratify his liking for historical research and Enfield in particular is deeply indebted to him as an able historian.

Mr. Johnson is a member of the First Congregational church of En-

WILLIAM H. WHITNEY, JR.

Thompsonville Man Prominent in the Paint Business of the Country.

W. H. Whitney, Jr., president of that great factor in the paint business of the United States, The Colonial Works of Brooklyn, is one of Enfield's most valued citizens, occupying a handsome residence on Enfield street with his family, where he delights to spend every possible moment allowed by his extensive business interests in New York, it being

son, N. J., where he entered into partnership with Charles W. Griffin of Southwick, Mass., who had been also in the employ of the King Paint company.

At this time the Colonial Works was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with A. A. Anderson president, C. W. Griffin secretary and W. H. Whitney, Jr., treasurer. In a few years Mr. Anderson resigned and Mr. Whitney assumed the presidency, which he still holds.

Steady growth of business in Boonton for six years made a larger fac-



WILLIAM H. WHITNEY, JR.

a particularly delightful spot in summer.

Mr. Whitney was born Oct. 4, 1869, in Thompsonville, at the home of his grandfather, John Bostock, and attended school in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he lived from 1869 to 1880. In the latter year his father, W. H. Whitney, Sr., bought a farm in Enfield and the family made its home there most of the time, Mr. Whitney attending school on Enfield street until 1885, when he entered the Suffield institute.

At the age of 17, Mr. Whitney left school to enter the New York office of Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, school-book publishers. After part of a year in business he decided he wanted to try farming so returned to Enfield. In 1887 he entered the office of his father, who was the New York representative of Cowperthwaite & Co., publishers. In the winter of 1888 he went to Castle Rock, Colo., where

tory necessary and the present plant of the Colonial Works at Greenpoint, Brooklyn, was purchased. Operation began early in the spring of 1903, in 1909 the business had outgrown the plant and an addition was built and now the quarters are again too small and the company is endeavoring to devise means of further increasing the capacity.

Following his residence in Boonton Mr. Whitney made his home between Brooklyn and Enfield, spending his winters in Brooklyn and his summers in Enfield during the years 1903 and 1904. From 1905 to 1908 he made his winter home in Troy, N. Y., maintaining his summer home in Enfield, and in 1909 he took up his home in Enfield permanently. In 1906 a daughter, Elizabeth Abbe Whitney, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

Personally Mr. Whitney is very popular among his associates, pos-



WILLIAM H. WHITNEY, JR.'S RESIDENCE

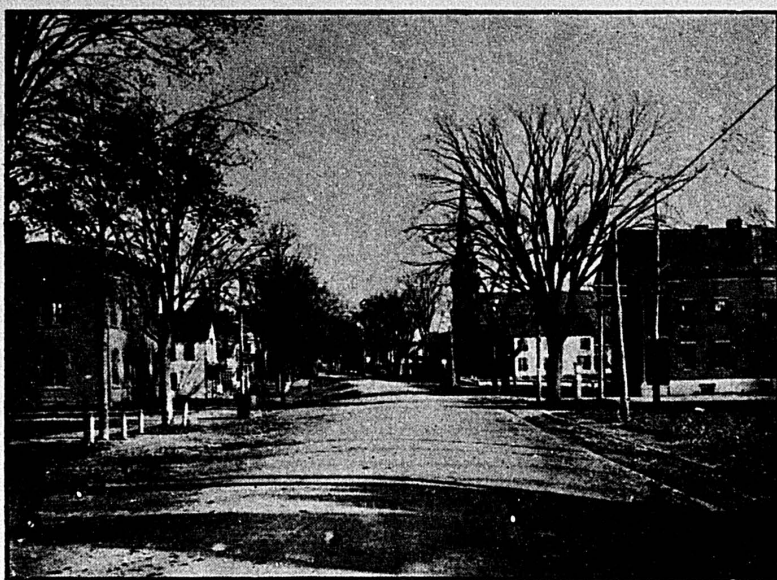
he had a business opening with his father's cousin and carried on a retail hardware and lumber business in the firm of Holcomb & Whitney.

During that year, 1889, he was offered the position of general superintendent of the King Paint company of Brooklyn, N. Y., which he accepted, devoting part of his time to the factory and part to traveling, especially in the south. Mr. Whitney held this position seven years, until the spring of 1897, when he went into business for himself.

Oct. 16, 1895, Mr. Whitney married Miss Mary Harriet Pryor, daughter of Mrs. C. Elizabeth Pryor and granddaughter of Henry Abbe of Enfield. In 1897 he moved to Boon-

sessing a jovial, pleasant disposition which readily transforms acquaintances into warm friends. He is generous, fond of sports and interested in projects of public betterment to a great degree. He has a keen business insight and his enthusiasm is largely responsible for the really remarkable success achieved by the enterprises in which he is interested.

Mr. Whitney is a director of the Greenpoint National bank of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a member of the Manufacturers' association of New York, the Paint and Oil Board of Trade, the Paint, Oil and Varnish association, and the Credit Men's association of New York. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.



MAIN STREET, HAZARDVILLE

ANDREW GORDON

Prominent Hazardville Man Who Has Honorably Served Country and State.

In the Hon. Andrew Gordon Hazardville has a citizen of distinction, a self-made man of business, a man with an honorable war record and a man who served the state well as a member of the state legislature, both in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Ex-Senator Gordon was born in

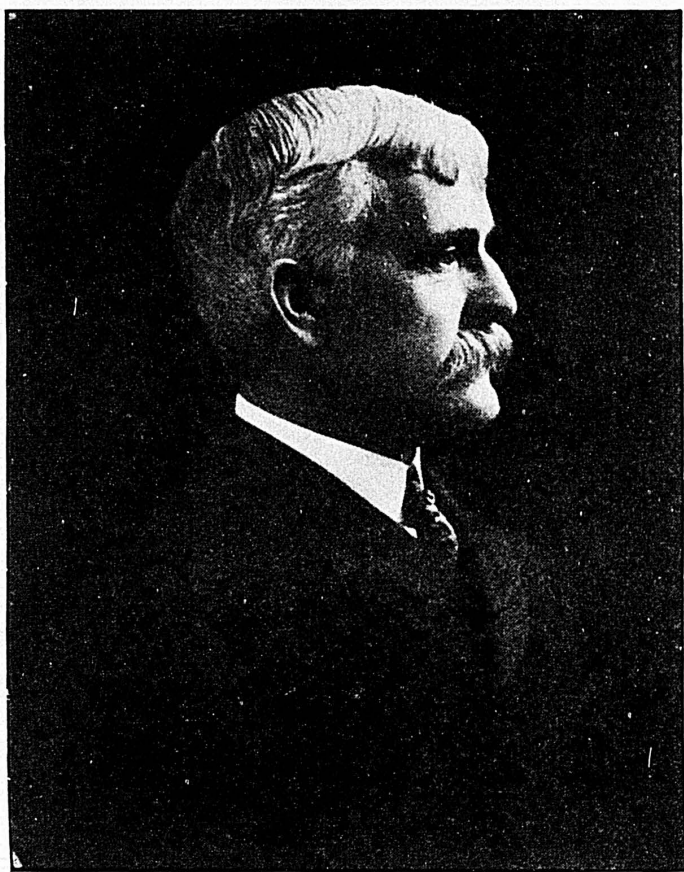
Sumpter he enlisted, April, 1861, in the First Connecticut Light Battery for three months and three weeks, but was never mustered in.

Determined to serve, however, he entered the service September 27, 1861, as a private in Company B, Eighth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded September 17, 1862, at Antietam, being shot in the left shoulder. December 24, 1863, he re-enlisted for three years, or during the war, was promoted to rank of corporal, March 26, 1864,

Mr. Gordon was married May, 1866, to Miranda Lewis, daughter of Asa and Louisa (Lyons) Lewis of Enfield, and six children were born of the union, three of whom are living—Lewis E., George J. and Eleanor M. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; of Doric lodge, No. 94, A. F. and A. M.; Washington chapter, No. 30, R. A. M.; Washington council, Suffield, and Samuel Brown post, No. 56, G. A. R., and has served as senior vice-

commander of the Department of Connecticut.

In politics Mr. Gordon is a staunch republican and ably represented his town in the House at the legislature of 1899, serving on the insurance committee, also on committee of contested elections, and was a valued member of the Senate at the session of 1901, serving as chairman of the insurance committee. He is prominent in town affairs and one of the most influential factors in the progress of the community. Personally he has many friends.



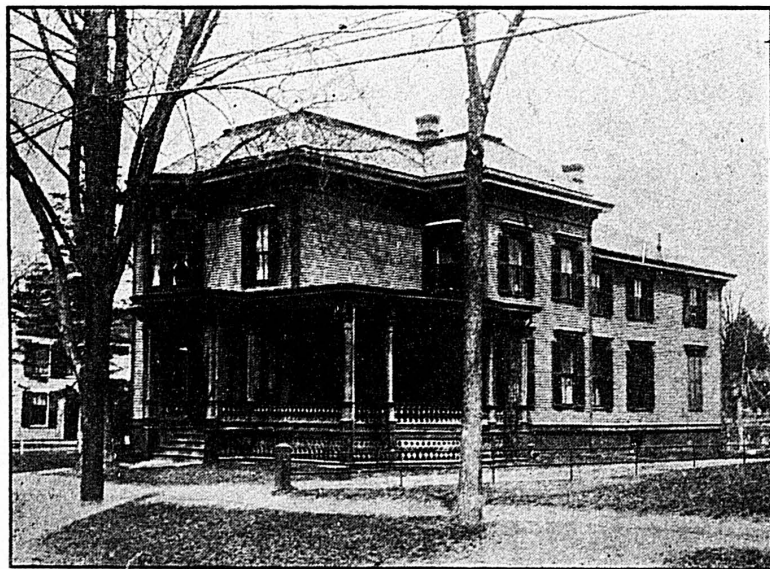
ANDREW GORDON

Glasgow, Scotland, Nov. 4, 1843, the son of William and Jean (Bauchop) Gordon, who in May, 1844, landed in New York city and first located in Little Falls, N. Y., removing to Thompsonville in 1847, where the father was employed as a carpet weaver by the Hartford Carpet company until May, 1852, when the family moved to Hazardville.

The subject of this sketch was brought to this country in his in-

was again wounded during the battle of Cold Harbor, June 2, 1864, and was honorably discharged on surgeon's certificate, May 31, 1865.

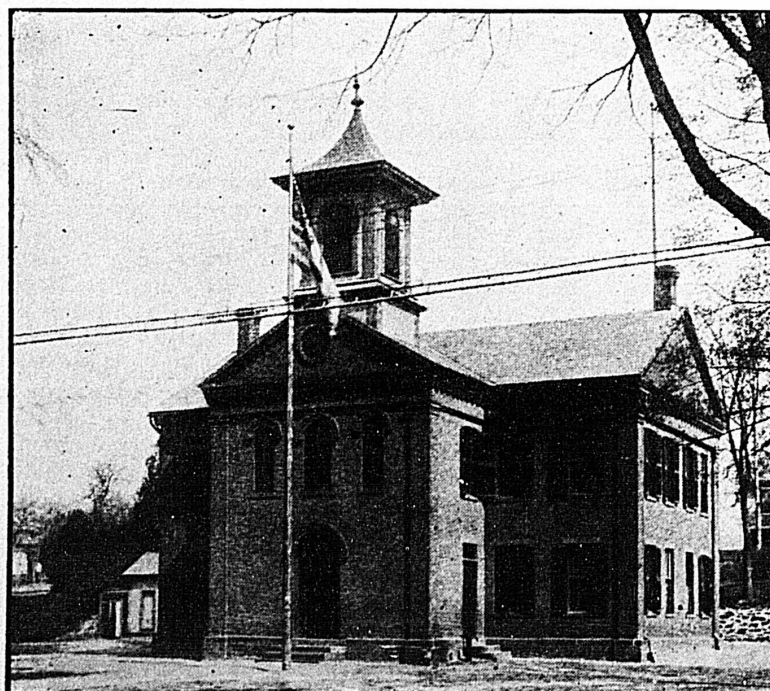
Upon his return home Mr. Gordon served as foreman of the A. D. Bridge key factory and later as a member of the firm of Gordon Bros., engaged in the manufacture of paper sacks and tinware, in which business they continued until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1890. After that



ANDREW GORDON'S RESIDENCE

fancy and educated in the common schools of Enfield. He learned the coopers' trade and was employed by the Hazard Powder company. Immediately after the firing upon Fort

the firm built up a large business in the manufacture of shoddy and wool substitutes, which is now one of the most important of Hazardville's industries.

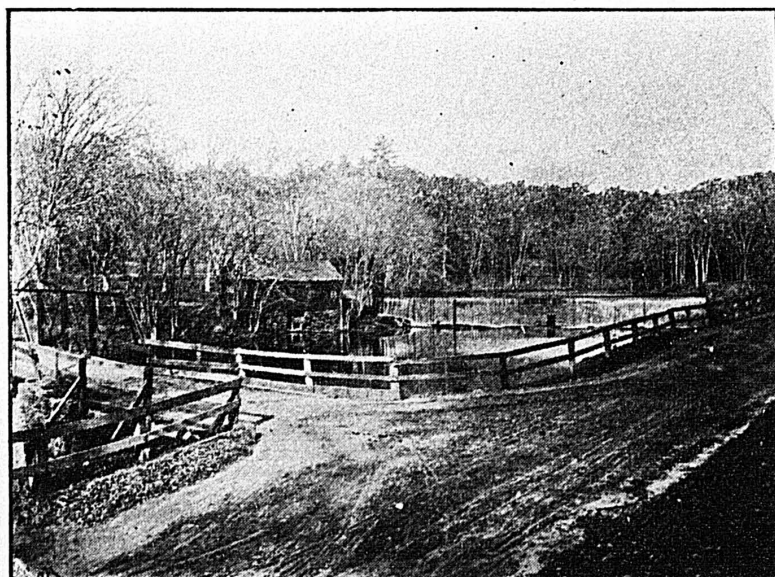


HAZARDVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

- HAZARDVILLE -

This delightful village with its finely shaded and well kept streets, its attractive and comfortable homes, together with the reposeful surroundings of its center, where "Fairlawn" is an attractive feature, has long been noted for its powder mills, which originally comprised several hundred acres and 150 separate buildings, and provided employment for more than one hundred men.

Colonel A. G. Hazard, who came here in 1845, was responsible for the successful development of the plant and to him is due a large portion of Enfield's financial prosperity. Several good roads lead to Hazardville, while it is easily reached by trolley from Enfield street on a branch of the Hartford and Springfield street railway, having its terminal at Somers. A station is located at Scitico on the Highland division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, providing passenger and freight service.



VIEWS OF HAZARDVILLE'S POWDER PLANT

HAZARDVILLE'S POWDER PLANT

A Branch of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company.

Powder is a necessity, both in peace and in war, so that no one wonders that the plant of the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder company at Hazardville is being operated continuously to supply the demands for the black sporting powder which it makes in all grades for rifles, shot guns and pistols. Many carloads of it leave each week to be put into cartridges, and as each carload weighs over ten tons, a person can gain some idea of the enormous output of this company's combined plants.

The Hazardville plant, which covers over 400 acres and originally comprised over 150 separate buildings, was established in 1835 by Parks Loomis and brother, Colonel A. G. Hazard, who secured an interest in the business in 1842, came here in 1845 and since 1850 his was the only name that appeared in connection with it.

Improvements began with Colonel Hazard's connection with the company, the plant being extensively enlarged between 1850 and 1854. During the latter year the plant of the Enfield Powder company (organized and mills built in 1849) at Scitico was bought. During the Civil war the entire plant was operated at full capacity, day and night.

Colonel Hazard died in 1863 and for several years the business was conducted by the directors, Governor Bullock, Peter and Samuel Cornell, A. E. Douglas and Mr. Tompkins. The new steam works were built in 1870-2.

In 1875 the plant was sold to the Dupont Powder company, but this fact was not made known to the public until 1902, when, after a reorganization, the name of The Hazard Powder company was discontinued and it became known as one of the many plants of the Dupont company.

Previous to 1904, when the full capacity of the plant was in operation, about 120 men were employed, but at the present time, the manufacturing of blasting powder having been discontinued, 30 men are engaged in the manufacture of sporting powder here and they are greatly pleased with the interest shown by the company in their welfare. This has been evidenced recently by the voluntary increase in wages as a mark of the company's appreciation of their faithful service. Another evidence of this regard of the company for its men is found in the extreme care taken to prevent accidents, every precaution known to science in the manufacture of powder being in operation at this plant. The company is insistent upon this point and spares no expense in protecting its workmen. It will not trust the men to be sufficiently careful of themselves but demands that they submit to being searched each morning for matches or other friction-making articles.

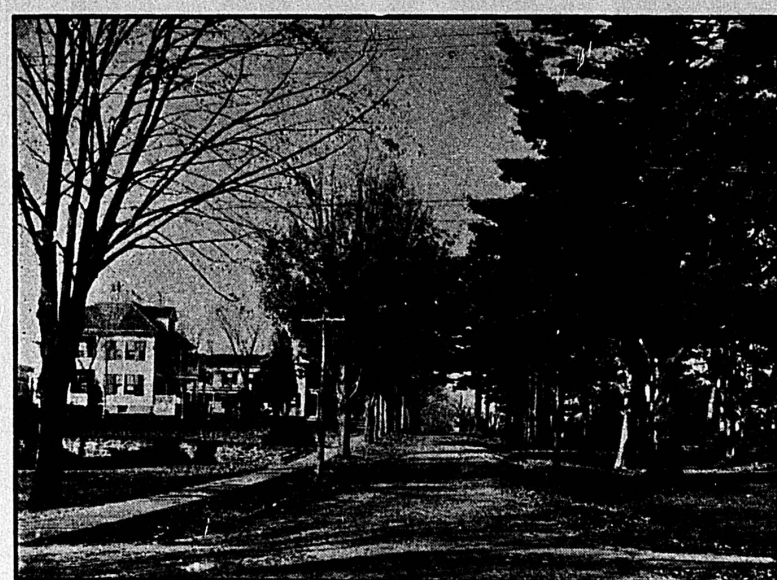
The buildings are scattered over the 400 acres of low lands, sheltered in quiet, fern-clad nooks and constructed in such a manner that should an explosion occur the light woodwork would offer little resistance. The powder is transported about the plant in small covered wagons and all shipments are made in steel kegs.

As inseparable from the history of The Hazard Powder company as the name of Colonel Hazard is that of Edward Prickett, until recently the local manager who gave to the service of the company 57 years of his life and is now enjoying a well earned retirement while he watches the development of his son, Edward L. Prickett, who has succeeded him at the head of the plant.

Edward Prickett was superintendent of the plant from 1859 to 1905. He began his service there in the cooper shop, at the age of 16 years, in 1848. He soon attracted the attention of Colonel Hazard and in 1854 was taken into the office, receiving his promotion to superintendent five years later.

Mr. Prickett's father had been one of the original employees of the plant, coming from England in 1836, when Edward was 4 years of age. The elder Prickett was killed in the plant in 1844. "I was in it for over 50 years, in all sorts of accidents and never got a scratch," says Edward Prickett.

When asked about the possibilities of accidents, Mr. Prickett said, recently, "As compared with other powder mills of the country, we have been very fortunate here in Hazardville. In making powder, you have

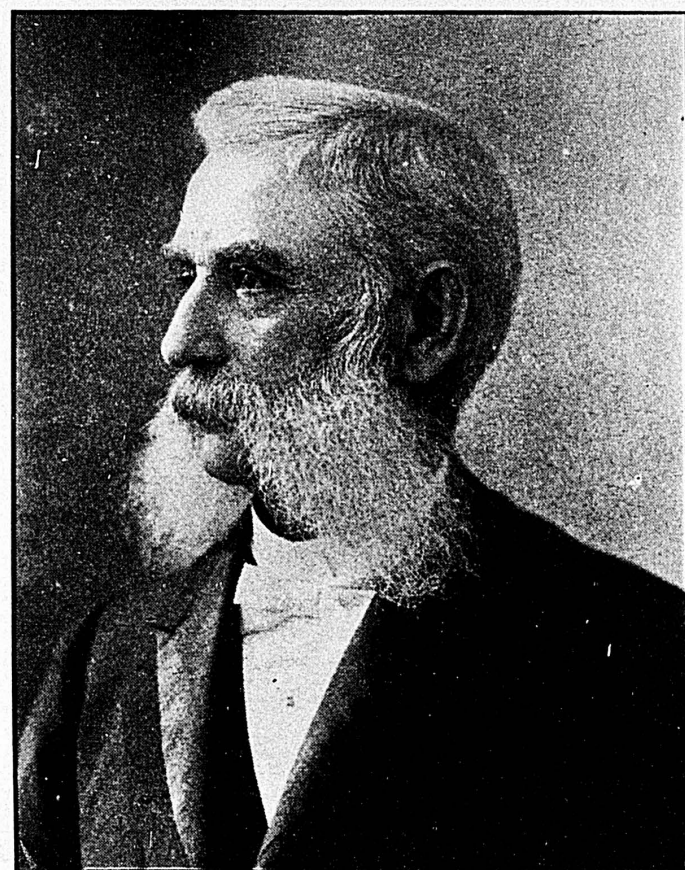


FAIRLAWN AVENUE, HAZARDVILLE

got to make up your mind that you are going to lose a mill once in awhile. The breaking of machinery cannot always be foreseen and friction thereby may cause an explosion, but every precaution is taken to prevent such accidents."

Mr. Prickett is a fine example of the typical English gentleman of the old school. He is still strong and virile, his voice retaining its deep, rich fullness and his white hair crowning a massive head which gives

Hazard. "He was a fine old man," says he. "He was a very strong business character, liberal minded, appreciative of good service, rather set in his ways but with the interest of his workmen always at heart. It was his habit to give little suppers for the men in his employ and to do many other things for their welfare. He could talk pretty strong at times, but he appreciated his own disposition even better than those who came into contact with him."



EDWARD PRICKETT

every evidence of great mental powers, a kindly disposition and a forcefulness of character that is to be found only in the leaders of men.

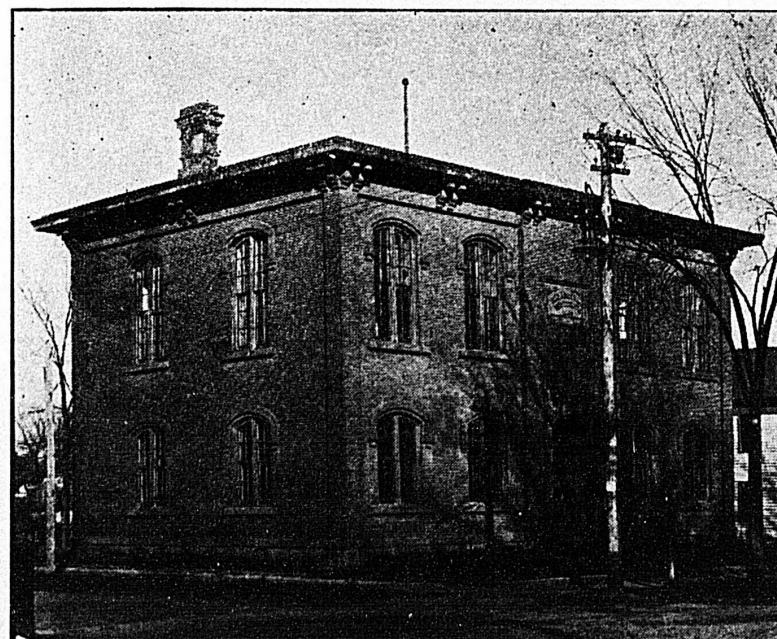
In his beautiful home, surrounded by the sloping lawn, Mr. Prickett is now enabled to take his ease, with one of his sons, the present mill superintendent, in the house adjoining. At the foot of the hill stands the handsome brick church which

Mr. Prickett has had three brothers in the employ of the company and two sons are with it now, Clifford D. Prickett being the assistant general superintendent, with headquarters at Wilmington, Del., and Edward L. Prickett, head of the local plant. Clifford Prickett married the daughter of George B. Gordon of Hazardville. Edward L. Prickett began work for the company in 1888 and

"FAIRLAWN"
Edward Prickett's and E. L. Prickett's Residences

was the gift of the company to the village. Mr. Prickett was both the admirer and the friend of Colonel

has been at the present plant 16 years. He is married and has three children.

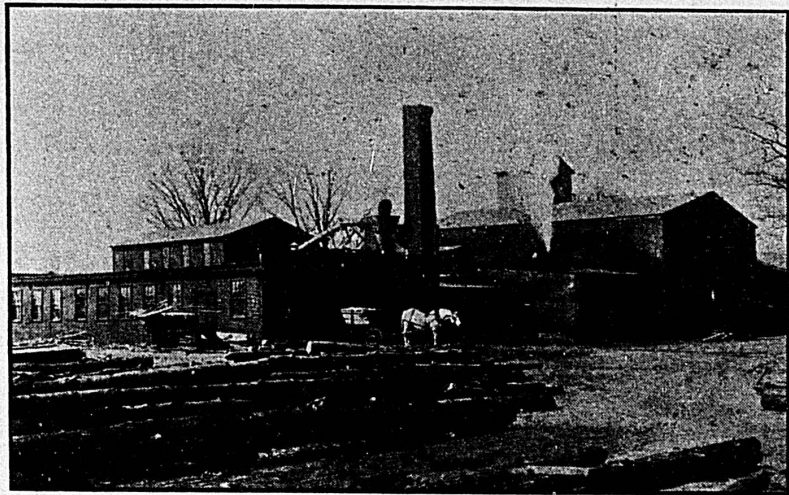


HAZARDVILLE INSTITUTE

The Amos D. Bridge's Sons Co., Inc.

Immense and Diversified Business Developed From a Small Beginning Nearly Forty Years Ago, Now an Important and Prosperous Hazardville Industry.

:: ITS NAME AND PRODUCTS MOST FAVORABLY KNOWN THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND ::



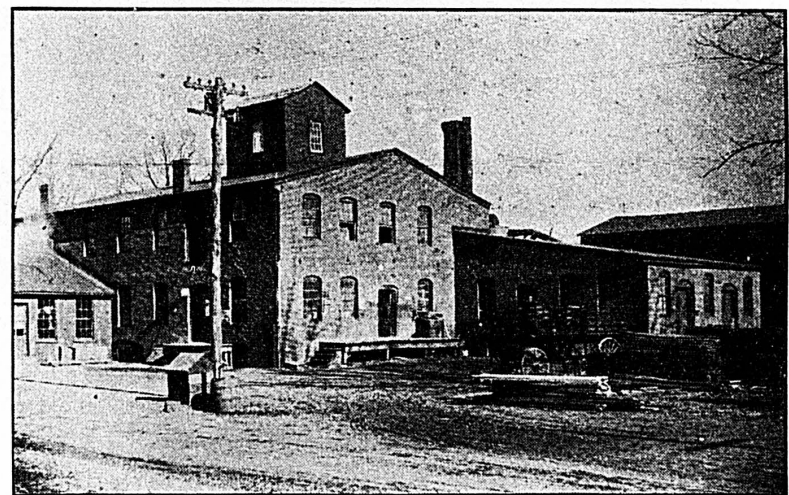
PLANE AND FINISHING MILL

When Amos D. Bridge of Hazardville left the employ of the Powder company there in 1875 and began the making of powder kegs, using the timber from his own lots, he put into practice what today are called "Modern Ideas in Forestry Conservation." He planned for the future. He knew that, if he should cut all the timber from his lots, he would leave nothing with which to supply his business in after years, so he left standing sufficient trees to make sure of an ample supply forty or fifty years hence.

Today the firm, Amos D. Bridge's Sons, Inc., is using timber from the 5,000 acres which the family owns, and is carrying out the same wise plan of reforestation. It is building for the future as well as for the present. This big company manufac-

throughout New England. Cloth boards for woolen mills are also made in large quantities. They manufacture boxes of all descriptions and for all purposes, and ship into many states. Keeping abreast of the times, they are now making special boxes for shade grown and some for export trade.

Being in close touch with the agricultural interests they make a large variety of boxes for special things in this line, such as apple boxes, onion crates and even boxes for shipping tomatoes and cabbages. They have an extensive business in pallets for brick drying and manufacture thousands of these for the brick makers in this vicinity and extend-



GRIST MILL AND BOX SHOP

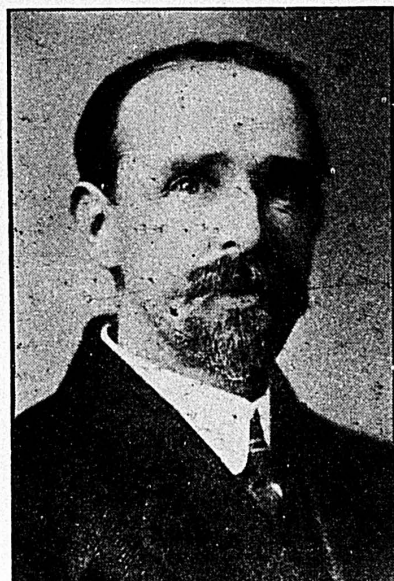
tures almost everything made of wood, and handles the lumber from the forest to the finished products. They are also large dealers in lumber, builders' supplies, grain, wood, coal, agricultural tools, doors, windows, paints, oils and hardware.

Their business has increased until today their products are far-reaching. The rug poles they make are being used by many carpet companies

ing to the Hudson river brick yards where they ship large quantities. They also make the racks to hold the pallets, and contract for many complete yards for drying brick in this improved and modern way. In connection with this, they manufacture one of the best round silos made today and put out hundreds of them all over New England and part of New York state.

Their wagon and repair plant covers a variety of work, and they build many new wagons of special design for harvesting tobacco and handling steel rails on electric roads.

They have several saw mills, one large steam mill connected directly with their plant in Hazardville. Another a few miles north where they have several hundred acres of fine growing timber. Here they have set out thousands of young white pine



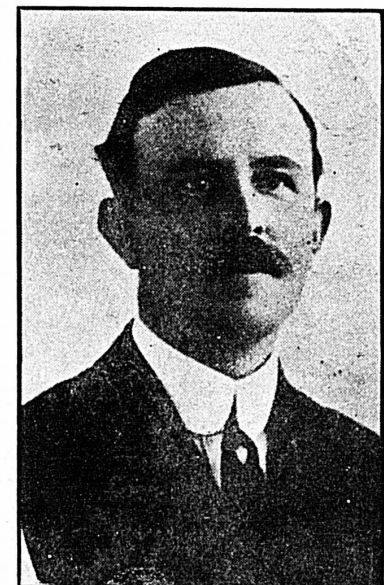
HOMER E. BRIDGE

to which they add every year for the benefit of future generations. They have here one grove of Norway pines which were set out a number of years ago, a rare sight in this part of the country. Around the small lake at this place, they have a handsome grove, known as Pine Point.

They also operate portable mills in places where they buy the standing timber only. An extensive gristmill and grain business is carried on, and they have recently added improved machinery and an elevating system which will fit them better than ever before to accommodate their customers in this line. Under this head they handle agricultural tools of all varieties and a vast amount of fertilizer to supply the wants of the most particular agriculturist.

A farm of five hundred acres supplies the families of the brothers, and helps to keep the sixty to eighty horses which they use in their business. They also keep a fine herd of cows and supply milk for a large part of the village. They are contractors in the building line, and contract to build houses, barns and sheds of any kind, contracting for the whole work from cellar to finish.

A very important branch of their business is the construction of state roads, they having built one of the first in the state of Connecticut, that running through Hazardville and which is now in perfect condition, although constructed in 1895. The

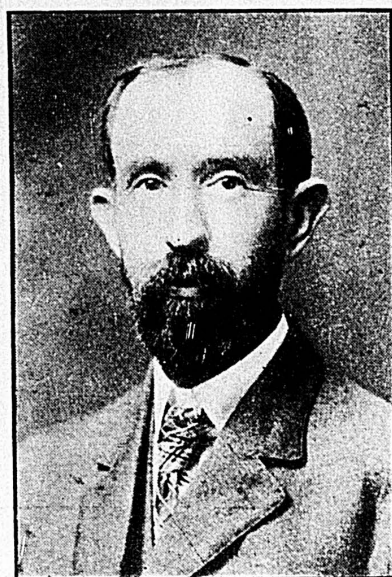


DAVID A. BRIDGE

road building branch of the business started at this time (1895), and the firm has recently had under construction four miles of state road in Bloomfield, one and one-quarter miles in Norfolk, one mile in the town of Union, another piece in Putnam, and one and one-quarter miles in the town of Exeter, Rhode Island.

They have recently completed roads in Stafford, Fomfret and Enfield, Conn., and Pascoag, Burrillville and Adamsville, R. I. The road at Stafford was built over what is known as Chestnut Hill, where the grade was changed from fifteen to seven per cent. The road in the town of Enfield, recently completed, connects the long stretch of state road in Massachusetts with the Connecticut state road. An important contract of much local interest was awarded them the past month and they are now engaged in the work of macadamizing Pearl and South Pearl

streets in Thompsonville. The contract calls for about 11,000 yards. The firm owns and operates four



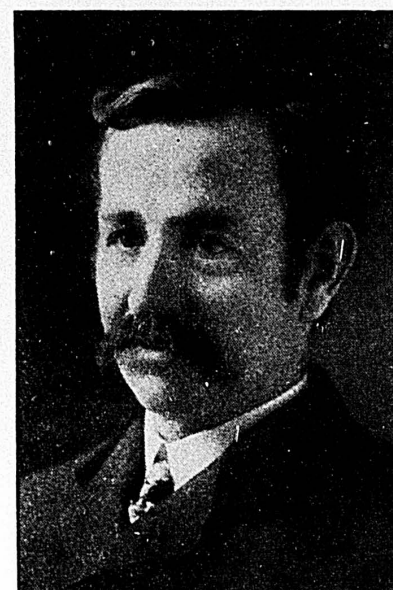
H. STEPHEN BRIDGE

steam rollers and three portable stone crushers for this work. They employ over two hundred men.

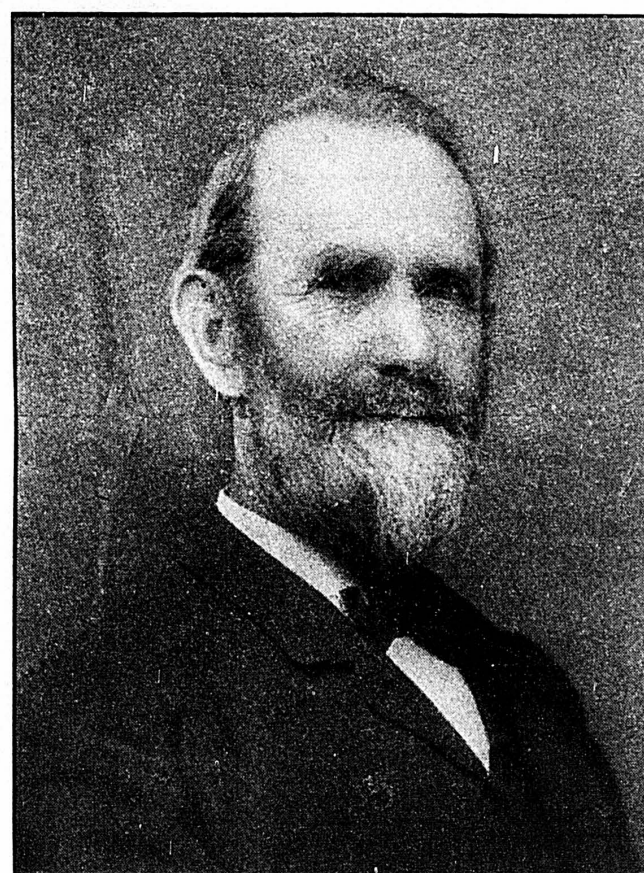
The firm consists of five brothers: H. Stephen Bridge, president; Allyn G. Bridge, treasurer; William A. Bridge, vice-president; Homer E.

action pump connected this well has a capacity of 10,000 gallons an hour, giving a great addition to both the house supply and resources in case of fire as well.

The Hazardville Water company was formed under a special charter in 1899, taking over the water supply which had been started in a small way a year or two previously by Amos D. Bridge. The water is of

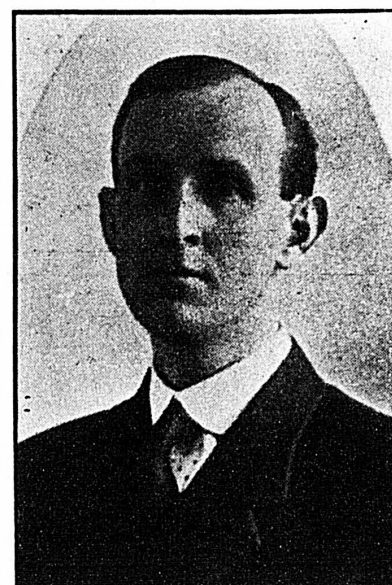


ALLYN G. BRIDGE



AMOS D. BRIDGE

Bridge, secretary; Charles A. Bridge, assistant treasurer, and a cousin, David A. Bridge, who, with the others, constitute the board of directors. They all live on the same street in Hazardville, within a short distance of the old homestead in which their mother still resides. All the brothers are married.



CHARLES A. BRIDGE

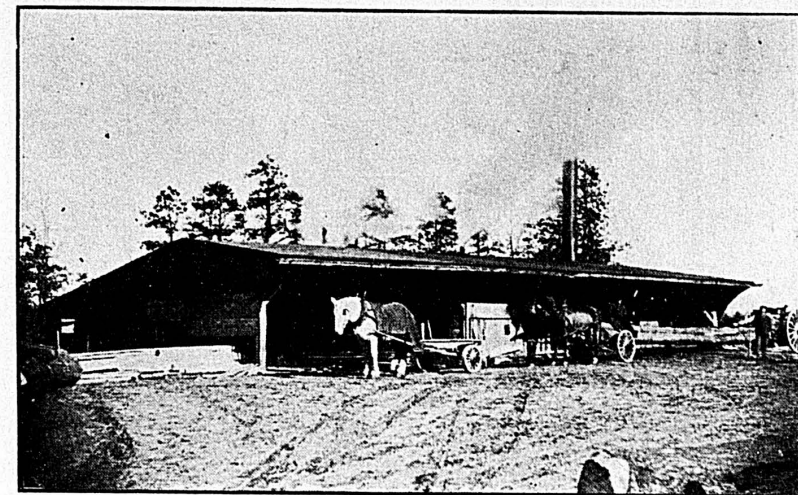
HAZARDVILLE WATER COMPANY.

Recent Addition to Its Plant Assures a Plentiful Supply.

In accordance with its policy of giving Hazardville the best water supply possible at all times The Hazardville Water company has recently added an eight-inch artesian well, 250 feet deep, to its equipment in order to assure plenty of water in case of a possible shortage during dry times. With the new Downey dou-

excellent quality and is supplied by a steam pumping plant from springs located almost in the center of the village, with a capacity of six or eight thousand gallons an hour. A stone reservoir surrounds the springs and there are two elevated storage tanks, the first built being on School street and having a capacity of 30,000 gallons. This has a 16-foot windmill attached which does part of the pumping. The second tank is on Bridge street near the premises of the Amos D. Bridge's Sons, Inc., and has a capacity of 50,000 gallons. A Knowles duplex pump supplies the mains and storage tanks. The company has laid about five miles of mains and supplies fifteen fire hydrants.

The officers of The Hazardville Water company are Allyn G. Bridge, president, and Homer E. Bridge, secretary and treasurer and superintendent.



LOG SAWING MILL

GEORGE POOLE

Loom Expert and Inventor of Many Valuable Improvements

George Poole, whose feat of transforming the old Town Farm and its extensive swamp and pond into a fine home and farm of 130 acres has made him locally famous, has done much for the carpet industry of the United States since he first came to this country from Halifax, England, in 1870.

Mr. Poole came here to assist in starting the Brussels carpet looms for the Hartford Carpet company and after a year there he was engaged throughout Massachusetts in perfecting and installing equipment in different carpet mills. Later he was engaged in an attempt to perfect a system of electrotype printing for tapestry carpets at Bridgeport.

In 1873 he went to Kansas and took up claims at Pawnee Rock. For two years he was engaged in buffalo hunting and driving a six-mule team between Fort Dodge and Fort Sill. As this was during the Indian scare his occupation did not lack excitement.

Then Mr. Poole went into cattle raising and wheat growing and was assessor of the township for five years. In 1880 he disposed of all his holdings and came east, locating in Philadelphia. There he installed the mill of the Stinson Bros. Tapestry Manufacturing company and took the management of getting it fully started.

Then he took the management of the James Kitchenman & Neal Brussels Carpet company of Philadelphia and left them to perfect the plush machinery of the Sanford Mills of Sanford, Me., a step destined to have an important bearing on the plush business of this country. During the ten years he was there he largely invented the machinery for the perfection of their plushes, plushes which later wrested the plush trade of America from the hands of the English and the Germans, who, up to that time, had monopolized the market.

From there Mr. Poole took the management of the Massachusetts Mohair Plush company, invented its machinery, organized its plant, got it under way and staid there until 1894 when he went back to his old company, the Sanford Mills, making still further improvements in their machinery.

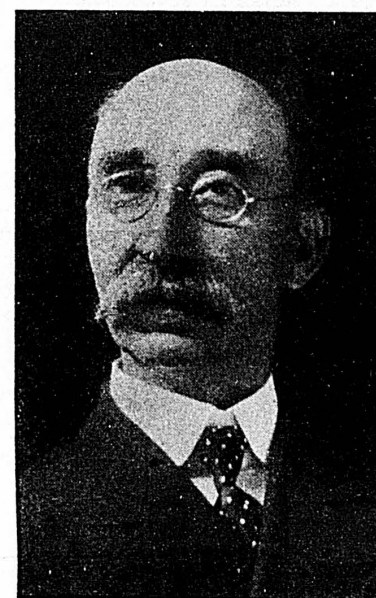
It was at this time that Mr. Poole built the quickest pile wire loom in the world, running at the astounding rate of 150 picks a minute.

In 1887 he invented what is now used extensively all over the country, the stop motion for the breaking of threads, stopping a loom automatically the exact moment a thread breaks. This does away with the great expense of mending plushes and webbings and is extremely valuable.

Mr. Poole has kept up the improvements from time to time on all his patents. These patents are controlled by the L. C. Chase company, selling agents for the Sanford Mills company, and that company and the

Sanford Mills company have the exclusive call on all Mr. Poole's future work.

Mr. Poole has continued his connection with the Sanford Mills company ever since his removal to Thompsonville about twelve years ago, and expresses very feelingly his appreciation of the enterprise and liberality of the founders of that company, the late Thomas Goodall and his three sons, the Hon. E. M.



GEORGE POOLE



GEORGE RUTHERFORD

Goodall, George B. Goodall and Louis B. Goodall, in standing back of the expensive experiments and aggressive campaign which were necessary before victory was finally won and the plush industry saved to this country.

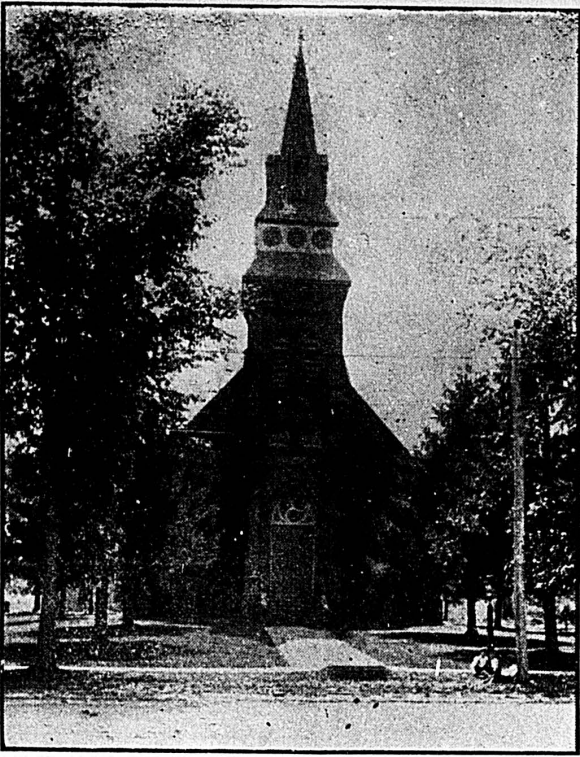
Mr. Poole's home and farm are delightful and are shared by his daughter and son-in-law, George Rutherford, and five beautiful grandchildren. Mr. Rutherford conducts the modern dairy which is only one of the thoroughly up-to-date features of the farm that Mr. Poole reclaimed and made one of the best in town. An extensive poultry yard, big crops of tobacco and a fine garden are other features.



GEORGE POOLE'S RESIDENCE



HAZARDVILLE WATER CO.'S STORAGE TANK



ST. BERNARD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DR. S. W. HOUGHTON.

Prominent Hazardville Practitioner for Past 20 Years.

Simon Willard Houghton, M. D., was born in Putney, Vt., and after graduating from the Leland & Grey college of Vermont he entered Bellevue Hospital Medical college and following his graduation from there spent a year in Bellevue hospital, gaining a varied and extensive experience.

Upon leaving the hospital Dr. Houghton located in Somers, this state, April 8, 1878, and established a good practice there. During his residence in that town he was also member of the school board.

March 14, 1890, Dr. Houghton removed to Hazardville, opening his office on Maple street in connection with his residence there and he has remained in the same location ever since.

While refraining from active par-

away. They are shipped to the mill of J. D. Stowe & Sons, Inc., at Scitico where they are put into huge vats, softened and made into pulp and then made into leather-board.

This leather-board is then used by the shoe factories, cobblers, etc., in heels, as a substitute for the more valuable pieces of leather which would have to be used for that purpose otherwise.

Rags are also taken to this mill and put through the same process, being made up into a thick, pulpy sheet for some of the finer grades of fibre-board. This mill was formerly given over entirely to the manufacture of the best grades of wrapping paper and specialties, but it was burned down in 1905. Only a small portion of it was rebuilt two years later, but the business of paper-making was not resumed, it being decided by the brothers comprising the company to devote the plant to the making of leather board.



DR. S. W. HOUGHTON

ticipation in the town's management he is one of its valued and prominent citizens and enjoys a large practice. He belongs to Golden Rule lodge, No. 30, F. and A. M., and has been the physician of Court White Oak, No. 126, Foresters of America, since its organization 15 years ago.

Dr. Houghton has one son, Dr. Earl Houghton, who, after attending the Enfield High school for three years spent one year at the Temple university of Philadelphia, following this with four years at the Philadelphia Dental college. He graduated from that institution in June, 1910, and intends to begin the practice of dentistry in Hazardville soon.

J. D. STOWE & SONS, INC.

Mill at Scitico Enjoys Distinction of Being the Only One of Its Kind in This Vicinity.

Scraps of leather which are regarded as waste in the shoe factories of the country are no longer thrown

The firm of J. D. Stowe & Sons was formed in 1848. Mr. Stowe died in 1883 and the firm is now composed of George W. Stowe, the president; Charles E. Stowe, secretary and treasurer, and William H. Stowe, vice-president. The latter looks after the management of the plant, which is situated on the bank of the Scitico river where the water has a fall of thirteen feet, giving ample power for even a much larger plant. The company was incorporated in 1908 and its business is growing constantly. Soon it will be necessary to take advantage of the additional space to be obtained by rebuilding the burned portion of the mill.

The three members of the company live near the mill, although Charles E. Stowe is on the road a large portion of the time, in the interests of the jobbing department, which was continued in order that the company might take care of its paper customers after the fire.



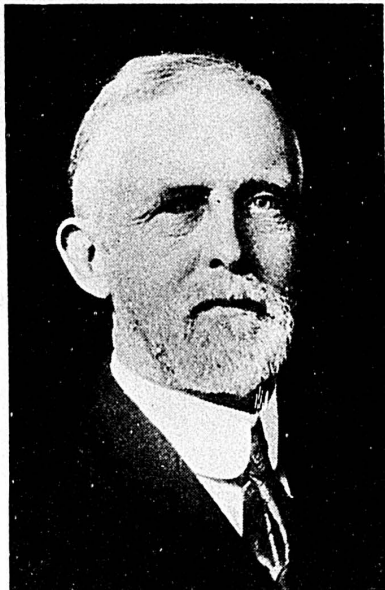
J. D. STOWE & SONS' MILL

WILLIAM E. FRENCH.

Well-Known Hazardville Man Who Represents Important Insurance Companies.

That there is no necessity for Hazardville residents to go out of town for insurance of any sort is evidenced by the list of strong companies represented by William E. French, who has been actively engaged in the insurance business since 1891.

His list of fire companies include the Hartford of Hartford, the National of Hartford, the Hartford County Mutual of Hartford and the Pennsylvania of Philadelphia.



WILLIAM E. FRENCH

He also represents the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., and issues health, accident and liability policies for the Aetna Life of Hartford.

Mr. French was born and brought up in Hazardville and spent ten years in New Hampshire in business, manufacturing and designing. Upon retiring from that business he returned to Hazardville in 1882, where he has remained ever since. He has a comfortable home and office on Main street. He is one of the best known residents of Hazardville, is a notary public and has served as a member of the board of relief and board of assessors.

W. A. REYNOLDS.

Owner of Prosperous Liquor Business and Stable in Hazardville.

W. A. Reynolds of Hazardville has built up an excellent liquor business at his Main street stand during the past six years, due to carrying a good line of goods and conducting his business in a manner that has attracted custom.

Mr. Reynolds came here from England, spending a short time in the west and then settling in Hazardville and buying his present business. He draws the Pilespan and New England ales, lagers and porters and selects his liquors with care.

In addition to his cafe Mr. Reynolds conducts a feed and boarding stable.

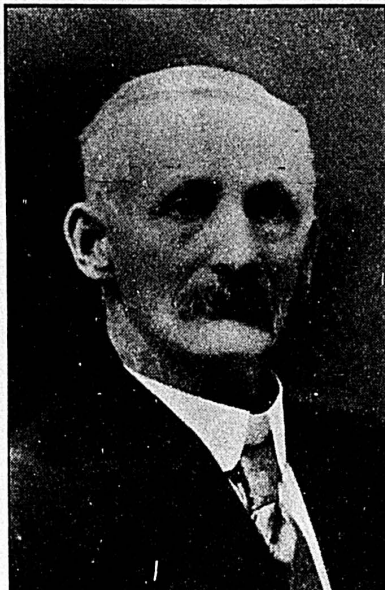
He is a member of Court Sumpter, F. of A., and the Enfield Liquor Dealers' association.

WILLIAM A. SMITH.

Postmaster and Prominent Merchant of Hazardville.

William A. Smith, postmaster and prominent merchant of Hazardville, was born in New Brunswick, coming to Hazardville in 1870 to work in the powder mills, where he remained for several years.

About 20 years ago Mr. Smith bought out the business of Gordon Bros., who conducted the principal hardware and cutlery business in Hazardville and has conducted it ever since. During his ownership the business has grown materially. A



WILLIAM A. SMITH

larger stock is carried, comparing most favorably with that to be found in the hardware stores of much larger towns. It includes stoves, ranges, pumps, lead pipe, hardware, tinware, farming utensils, glassware, wooden ware and plated ware and Mr. Smith also does plumbing and heating in all its branches.

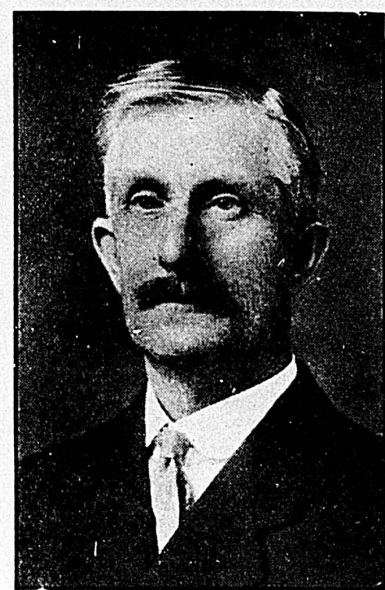
Mr. Smith was appointed postmaster in 1890 and has conducted that office in connection with his business most satisfactorily ever since. He is one of Hazardville's best known citizens as well as one of its leading business men, and has many warm personal friends.

GEORGE H. PAYNE.

Prominent Hazardville Resident and Efficient Town Official.

George H. Payne, who has been a member of the board of selectmen at different times for a period of twelve years and who was fire warden for two years until last year, is one of Hazardville's best known residents.

Mr. Payne was born in Warehouse Point but moved to Hazardville at an early age and his first employment was with the Hazardville Powder mills. In 1883 he married Miss Rosalia French, daughter of William R. French, who for many years was

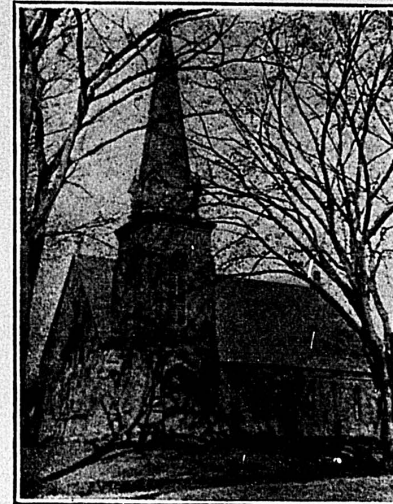


GEORGE H. PAYNE

prominent in Hazardville affairs and served for an extended period as selectman, and the couple have two sons, Alton and Clarence.

About 20 years ago Mr. Payne took over the French estate and conducted the farm until 15 years ago when he built the residence he now occupies, nearly opposite the old homestead. He is a large raiser of tobacco in connection with his other agricultural interests and considered one of the town's foremost residents.

Mr. Payne is a member of De Soto lodge, I. O. O. F., Springfield, and of the Hazardville fire company.



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EDWARD C. ALLEN.

Owner of Largest General Store Between Hartford and Springfield.

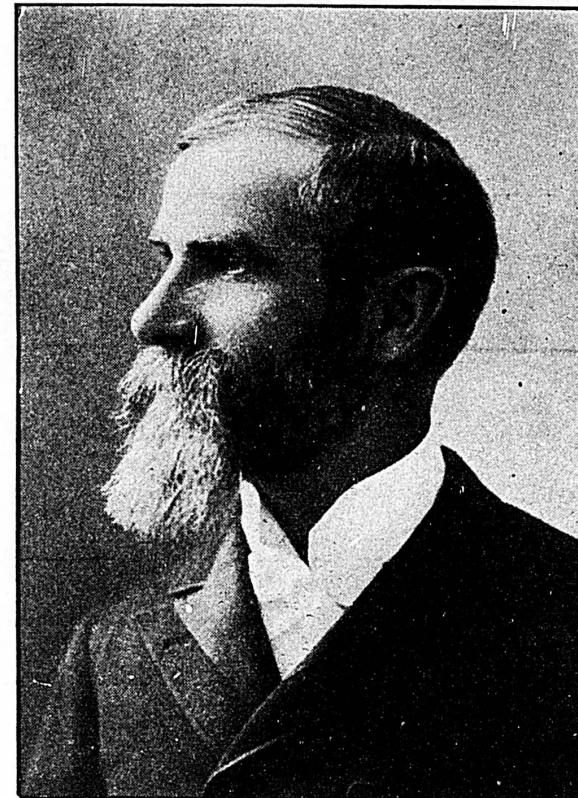
Edward C. Allen, owner of the largest general store between Hartford and Springfield, and Hazardville's most prominent business man, was born in Scitico (Enfield) Dec. 4, 1853, and was educated in the local schools. At the early age of 16 he began his business career as a clerk in a Springfield store, a position which he held one year and then embarked in business on his own responsibility as a dealer in organs and sewing machines.

In 1875 he became clerk and bookkeeper in the general store he now

large as it is varied and is well worthy of the name it has gained, that of being the largest general store between Hartford and Springfield.

Mr. Allen is not only the leading merchant but equally prominent as a citizen, serving as a member of the board of relief, fire commission, school board, board of assessors and until recently president of the Enfield Business Men's association. He has been chairman or the board of fire commissioners ever since it was organized and he is also president of the Hazardville institute.

Mr. Allen's natural ability for settling estates as administrator and executor, coupled with his business training, has led to his having been selected for such duties on many oc-



EDWARD C. ALLEN

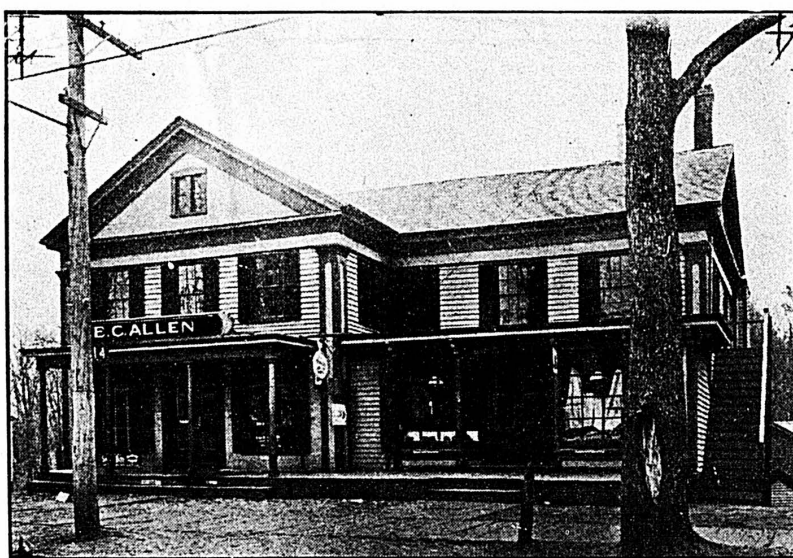
owns, it then being conducted by John Bridge & Sons and later by Bridge Bros. He continued in that position until 1881 when, with A. W. Gowdy, he bought the store and building which it occupies, the firm being Allen & Gowdy.

At the end of a year's partnership Mr. Allen bought Mr. Gowdy's interest and has continued the business alone ever since. He handles everything usually found in a general store and a few additional lines as well, groceries, sewing machines, pianos, phonographs, boots and shoes, wall papers, paints and oils—in fact about everything a customer might ever happen to want. His stock is as

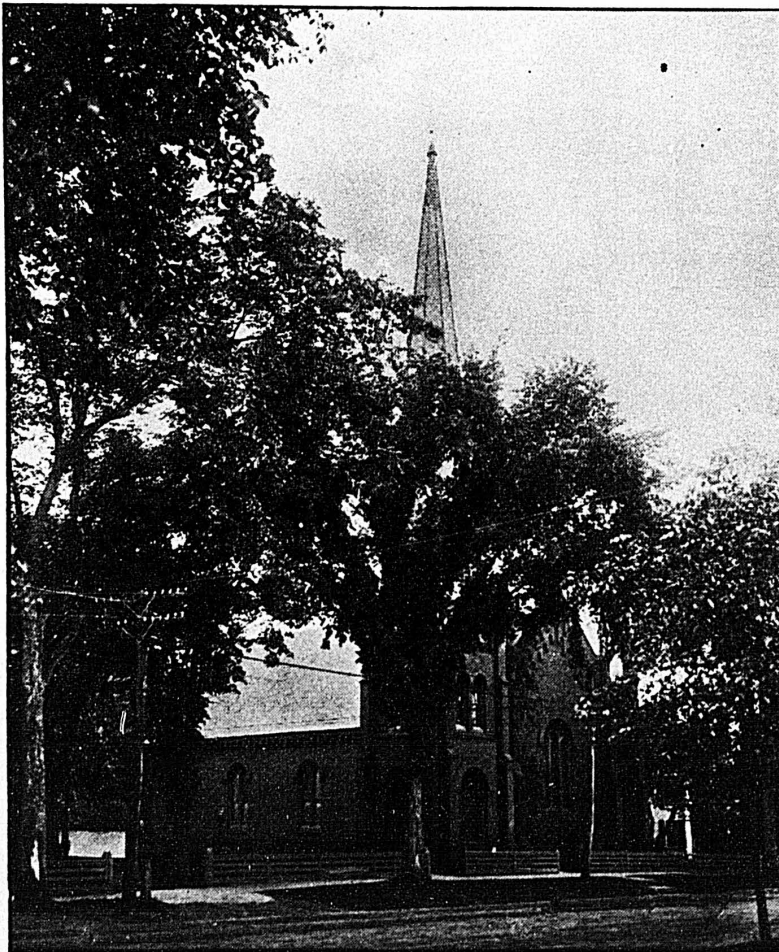
casions, he having settled fifty estates during his business career in Hazardville.

Mr. Allen is a republican in politics and prominent in the party.

About 13 years ago Mr. Allen bought the fine residence known as the Albert Olmstead homestead on the main street, just opposite his place of business, and one of the solid, substantial homes typical of New England. Sept. 12, 1880, Mr. Allen married Miss Ella C. Pitkin of South Windsor and they have two children, George Edward and Herbert Walden, both of whom are at present assisting their father in business.



E. C. ALLEN'S STORE



HAZARDVILLE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

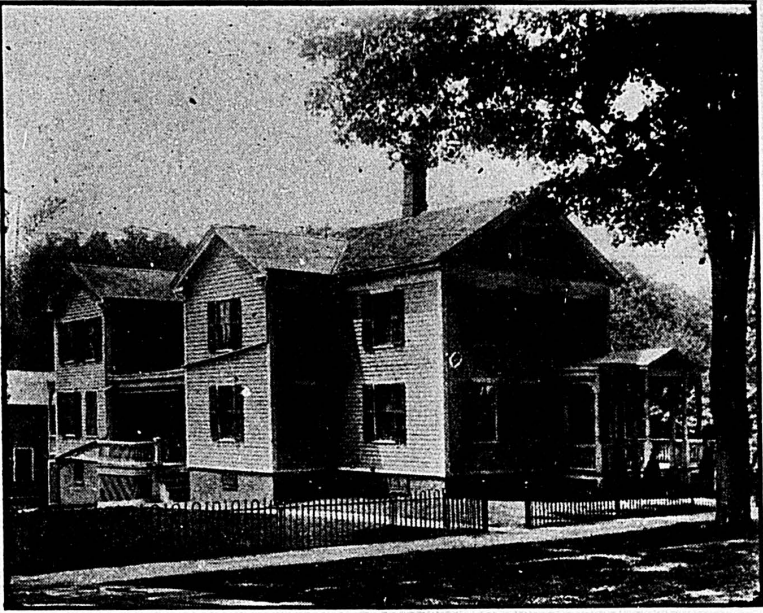


EDWARD C. ALLEN'S RESIDENCE

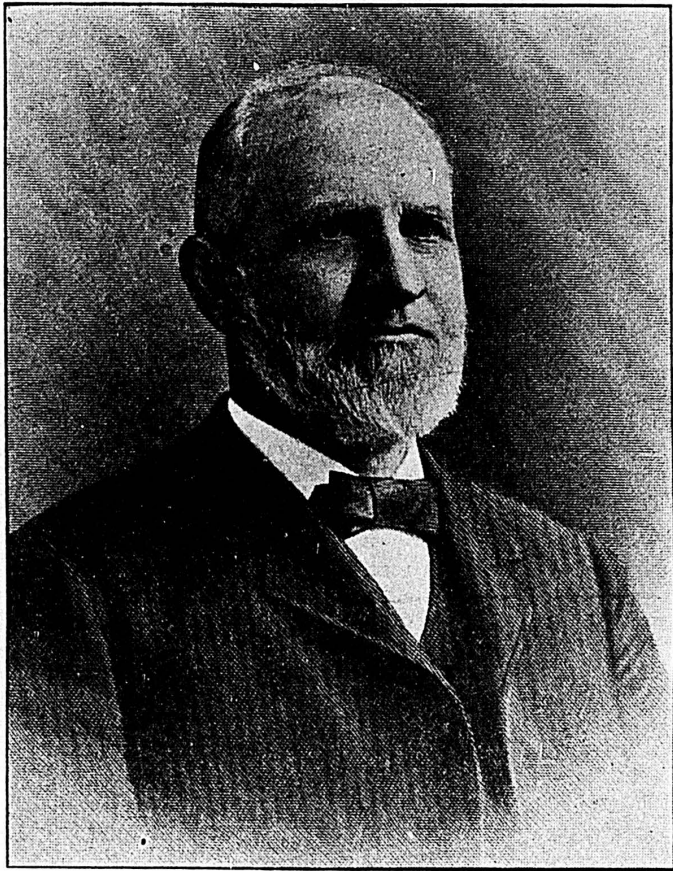
GORDON BROTHERS, Inc.

A Finely Equipped and Well-Kept Plant Manufacturing Fine Grades of Shoddy Which Commands a Good Price.

Important Hazardville Industry Which Provides Employment For Numerous Residents



DAVID GORDON'S RESIDENCE



DAVID GORDON



HOWARD D. GORDON'S RESIDENCE



WILLIAM W. GORDON'S RESIDENCE

With one big mill, four warehouses, and seven members of the Gordon family in active participation in its affairs, the Gordon Brothers, Inc., at Hazardville may be called the village's proudest possession from a business point of view, while the three brothers, David, George and Andrew, who comprise the executive department of the firm, are among the most prominent of its citizens.

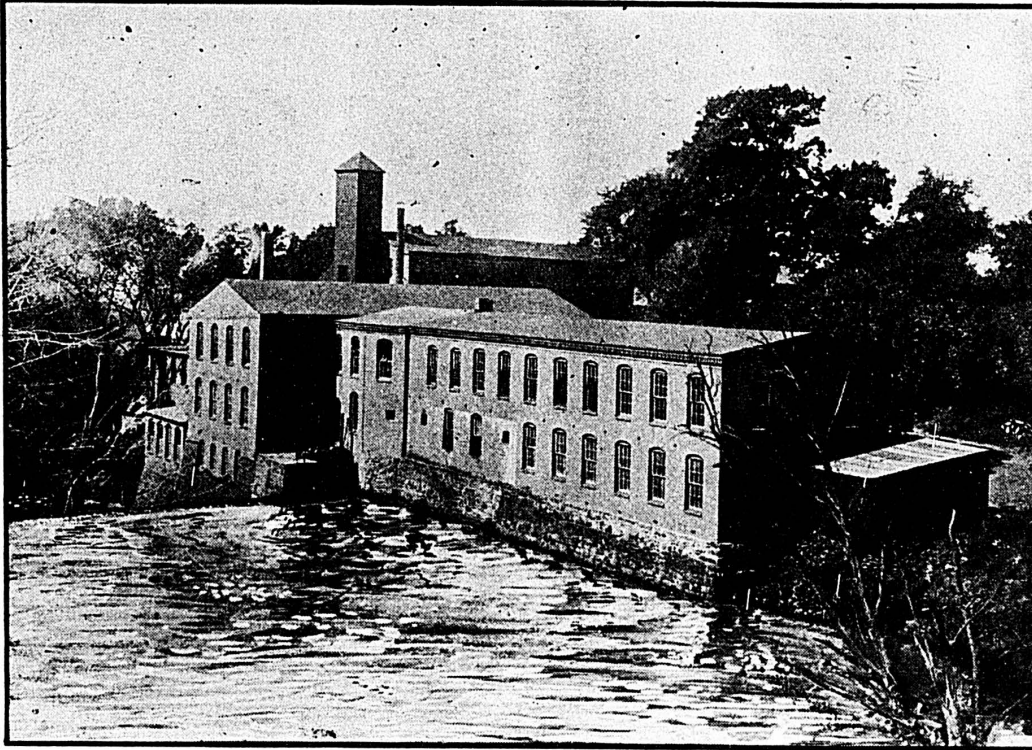
"Manufacturers and dealers in

has given up most of the business cares, although continuing as a director of the company.

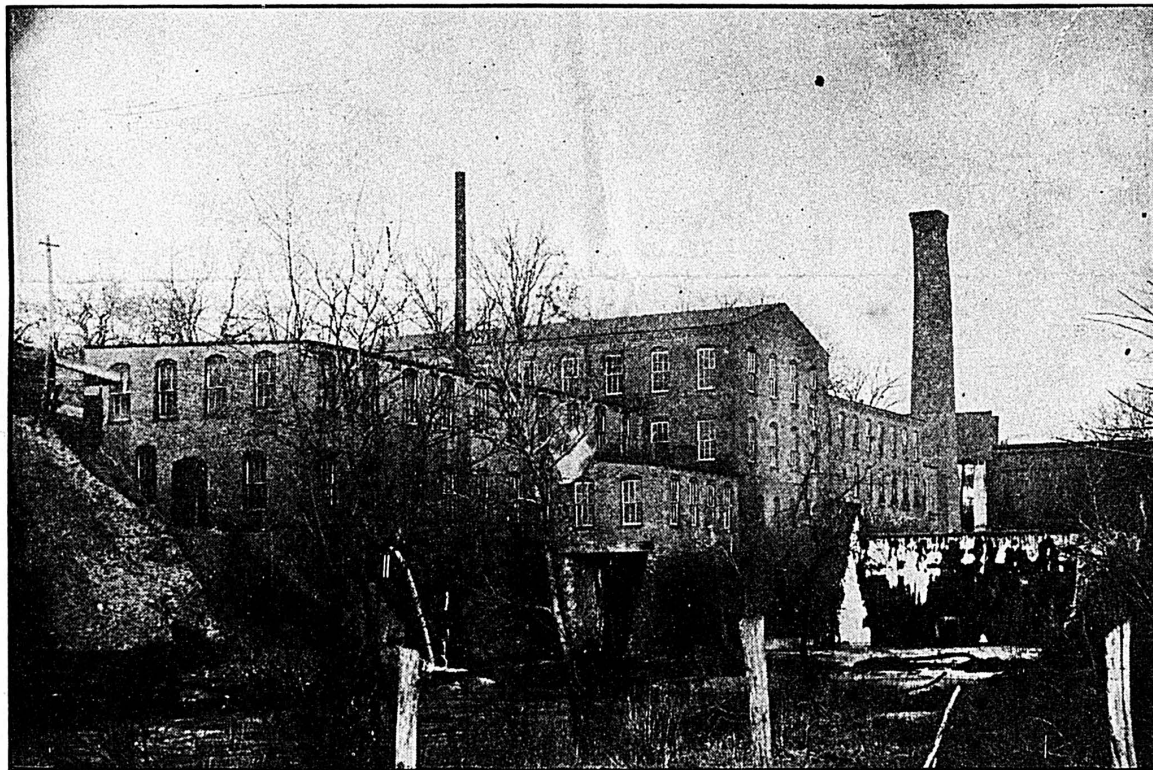
Of the four younger men who are connected with the company, William W. Gordon, son of David, has been in the mill 24 years and is vice-president; Howard D. Gordon, another son of David, represents the company on the road; Arthur Gordon, son of George B., has been in the mill 21 years and has served his

township in the legislature; George J. Gordon, son of Andrew, is in charge of the shipping department.

Thus, with seven representatives of the Gordon family looking after its interests, the Gordon Brothers' mill at Hazardville shows a constant increase both in output and prestige each year and annually its payroll increases, thus providing employment for numerous residents of the village.



GORDON BROTHERS, INC., MILL



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wool shoddy and extracts, wool waste, woolen rags and flocks," is the description found on their letter heads, and it is the only firm of its kind in this part of the state.

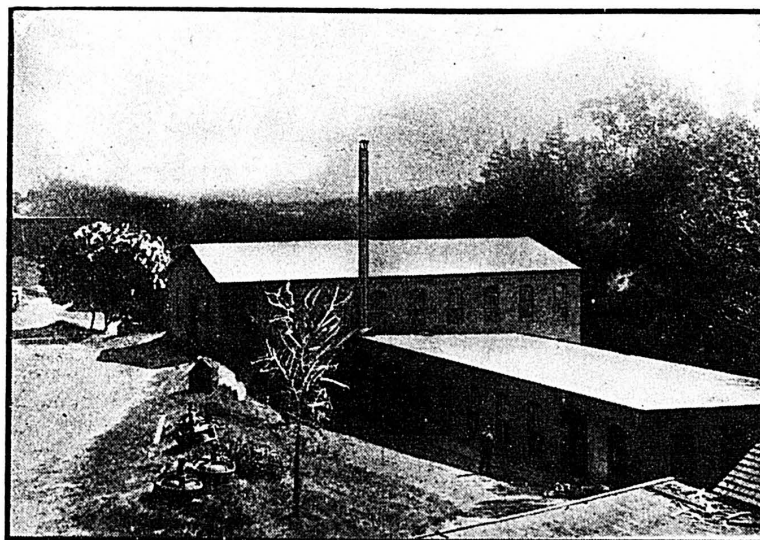
A visitor to the warehouses is shown pile after pile of hemp-covered bales, containing various kinds of stock to be manufactured into shoddy. The shoddy made from these materials is of fine quality, much of it being as soft and fine as silk, and it commands a high price.

In the shoddy mill itself there are 25 machines, with the necessary carders, pickers, etc., all run by water power from the 20-foot fall, which generates 260 horse-power. The entire plant is kept in perfect condition, and duplicate parts of all machines are on hand so that there is no waste of time in making repairs whenever such are necessary. The shipping facilities are unexcelled.

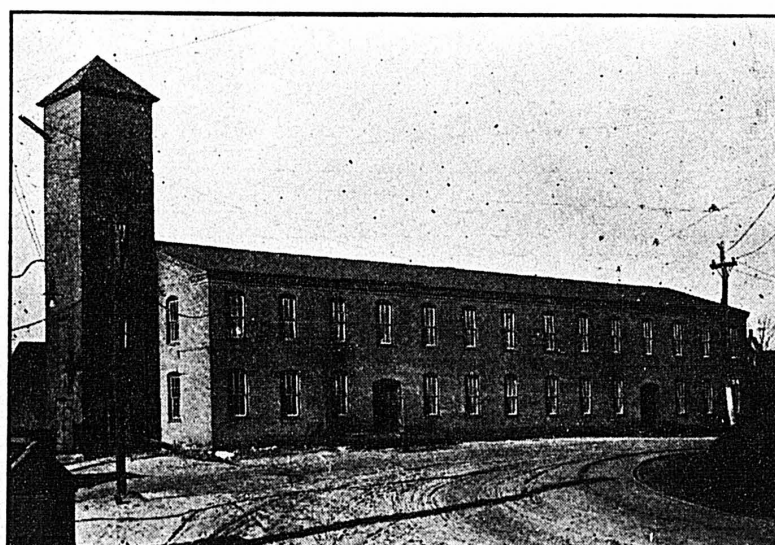
The Gordon Brothers company was organized about 40 years ago, and was incorporated in 1901. David Gordon, the president, is one of the best known men in the state. He is president of The Assawaga company at Dayville, a director in The Berkshire Cotton company at Adams, Mass., a director in The Third National bank at Springfield and is also a trustee of the Methodist church. Like all of the old school gentlemen, David Gordon is firm in his convictions but just in his application of them. Under his wise direction the firm has become a great factor in the textile industry. An evidence of this was given last year on the occasion of his 70th birthday, when business friends from all over the world joined in testifying to his worth, and their written encomiums have been gathered together into a large volume of which Mr. Gordon is justly proud.

George B. Gordon devotes his time to the duties of the treasurership of the company, besides taking great interest in the development of the village.

Andrew Gordon, the third brother,



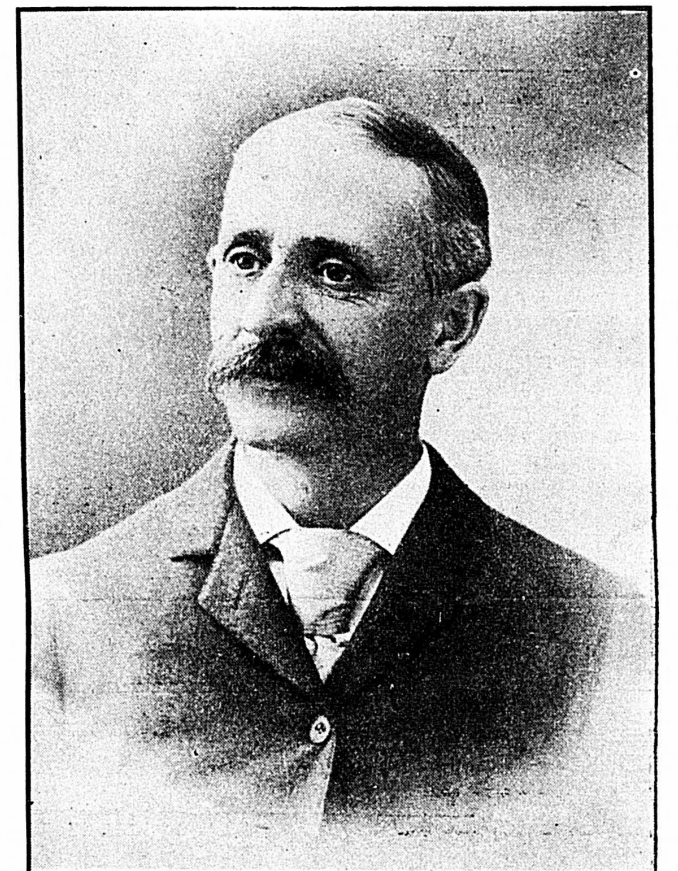
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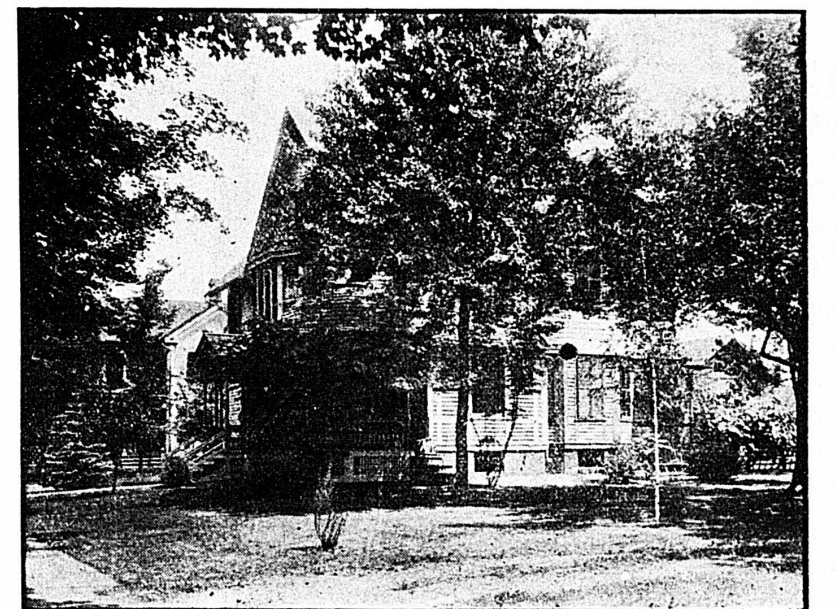
GORDON BROTHERS, INC., STOREHOUSE



GEORGE B. GORDON'S RESIDENCE



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ARTHUR G. GORDON'S RESIDENCE



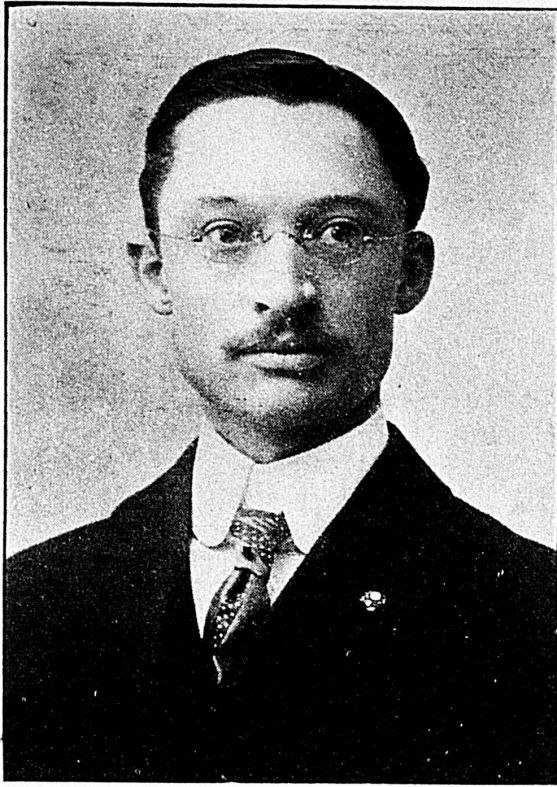
GEORGE J. GORDON'S RESIDENCE

NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Consolidation of Three Companies Has Resulted in Increased Business and Many Benefits to Users of Electricity

That the American public appreciates good service and an interest in their welfare is well illustrated in the case of the Northern Connecticut Light & Power company. Since the consolidation, four years ago, the

Windsor. The company has a fine store at Thompsonville, where all gas and electrical appliances are on exhibition and where customers in that section may come to pay their gas bills. A similar store has been



WALTER P. SCHWABE

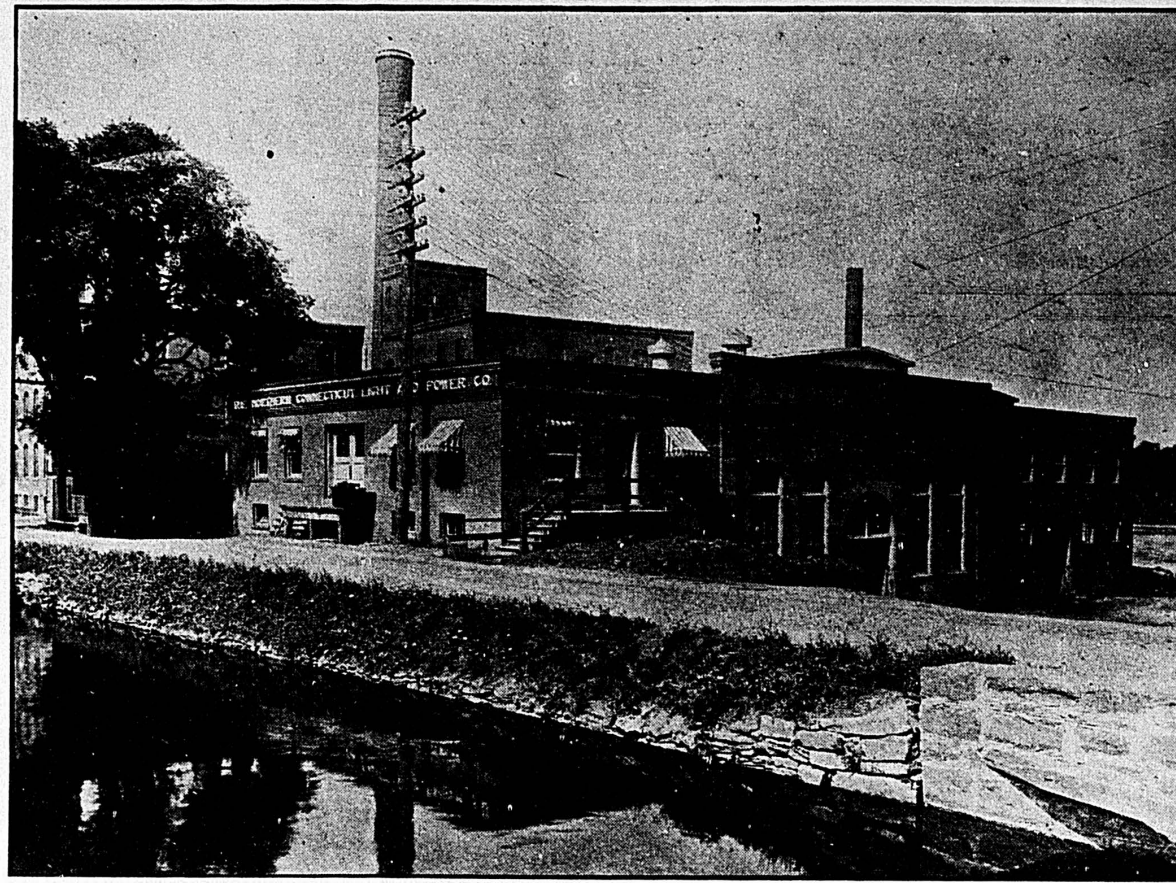
number of consumers of its gas has been almost trebled, while the users of its electricity are increasing daily. One cause of this is good service. Another is the fact that the company is now taking its customers into its confidence, showing them how to save on their lighting bills, making electrical installations at a nominal price and, in every way, treating customers fairly.

The Northern Connecticut Light & Power company was formed by the consolidation of the Windsor Locks Electric Lighting company, the Enfield Electric Light & Power company of Thompsonville, and the Enfield Gas company. It now supplies gas and electricity for light, power, heat and anything else that it can be used for. The towns and villages served are Thompsonville, Windsor Locks, Hazardville, Warehouse Point, Broad Brook, South Windsor and

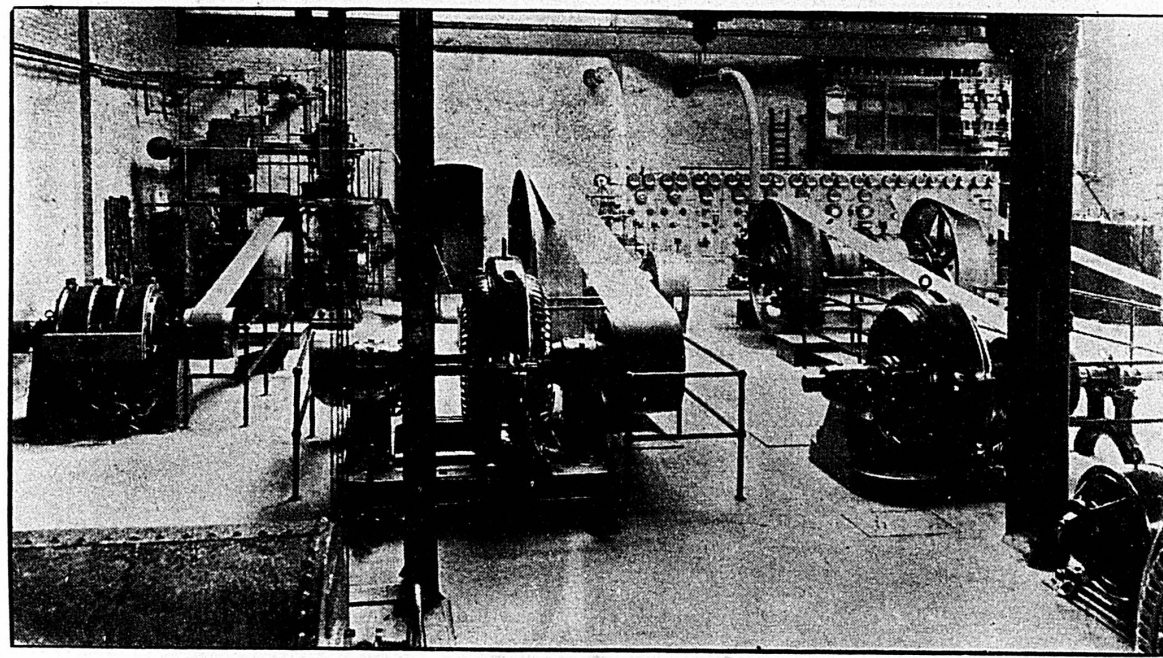
opened in Windsor Locks, opposite the railroad station.

The gas mains of the company were extended recently into Windsor Locks, and two hundred customers were immediately secured for the product.

The main supply station at Windsor Locks is practically new, having been rebuilt immediately after the consolidation. It is located at the lower end of the canal, is built of brick and concrete, and has the following generating equipment: One 200-h. p. Hanover water-wheel with Lombard governor, the wheel being direct-connected to a 180-kw., 2,300-volt, three-phase Crocker-Wheeler generator; one 325-h. p. Allis-Chalmers Corliss engine belted to a 200-kw., 2,300-volt, three-phase Bullock generator; one 300-h. p. cross-compound Ball engine belted to a 165-kw., 2,300-volt, three-phase Crocker-



NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER CO.'S GENERATING STATION



GENERAL VIEW OF GENERATING EQUIPMENT

Wheeler generator; one 250-h. p. Erie engine belted to a 135-kw., 2,300-volt, three-phase Stanley induction generator; three 150-h. p. Bigelow return-tubular boilers and two barometric condensers. A steam-driven blower supplies forced draft under the boiler grates in place of an expensive stack; the boilers being used only a few hours each day at the time of peak load.

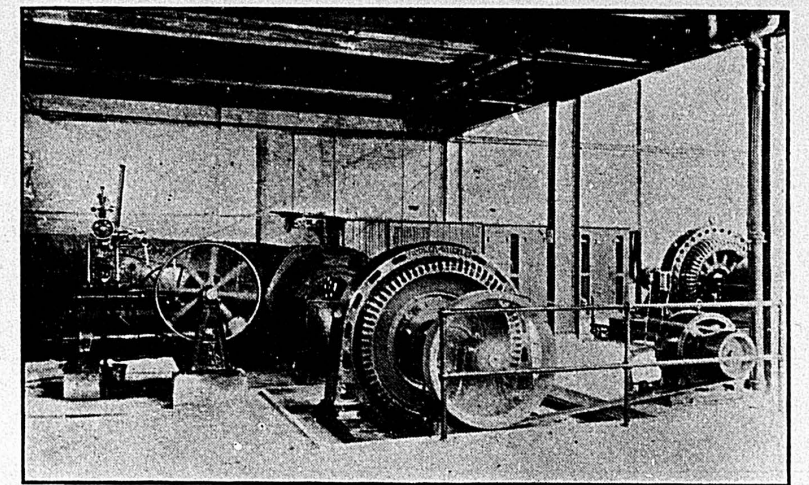
Under the former management, no attention was paid to supplying electricity in the day time or on Sundays or holidays but now the service is continuous. Reductions in both the minimum and the maximum rate have been made, and this has brought a corresponding increase in the number of customers.

The old carbon filament lamps for-

The company issues invitations to its customers to visit its two stores and also its generating plant and, in every way possible, makes them feel that their interests are its own.

Judge Harrison B. Freeman of Hartford is president of the company, and the treasurer is Burdett Loomis, Jr., of Hartford. Stewart N. Dunning is the assistant treasurer, and Harrison B. Freeman, Jr., the secretary.

To General Manager and Superintendent Walter P. Schwabe is due much of the success of the company during the past four years. Mr. Schwabe, who is a thorough electrical and gas engineer, has previously been connected with the Public Service corporation of New Jersey, superintendent of the Rutherford district



WATER DRIVEN ALTERNATOR

merly supplied to customers have been replaced by tungsten-filament lamps, and many other changes have been made that are welcomed by the customers. Electric flat-irons have been introduced, a large number being loaned to customers for a month, with the privilege of returning them if they are not desired. Only two have, so far, been returned, the others being purchased at the end of the period of trial.

A large gas storage tank has just been installed in Thompsonville, which is another instance of the progress of this company and further evidence of its desire to make its service dependable and satisfactory.

This tank, made of boiler steel and weighing thirteen tons, is forty feet long and ten feet in diameter, having a capacity of fifteen to twenty thousand cubic feet, according to the pressure in the gas main.

Its purpose is to provide a reserve supply of gas for local users to insure continuous service in case of any interruption with the main supply.

in both the gas and the electrical departments. He has been associated with this business for nineteen years and the results of his experiences are shown in the many improvements already made in the plant here, and in the methods of dealing with consumers of its product. "We do everything we can to get the good will of the public," he says and it is due to this attitude that the net earnings of the company have increased over 60 per cent. since the consolidation.

Mr. Schwabe was born in New York city thirty-five years ago and received his general education in the public schools there. He "grew up" with the plant at the Rutherford Boiling Springs and the Carlstadt Electric Co., and was then made superintendent in the New Jersey corporation. He impresses those with whom he comes in contact as a man who knows every minutest detail of his profession, who is thoroughly up to the times and who believes that good service is necessary to secure good business.

THE SOMERSVILLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY

Chief Industry of Somersville Successfully Conducted by General Keeney and Brothers

"When we came here, there were three sets of cards. Now we have twenty-one." This is the modest way in which General George E. Keeney, president of The Somersville Manufacturing Company, speaks of the remarkable development of that company under the management of the Keeneys, a record that, alone, would mark them as among the Captains of American Industry even if General Keeney's personal success as the head of the big Hartford Life Insurance Company was lost sight of.

The Somersville Manufacturing Company now owns the plant, greatly enlarged, that was originally built by the Kibbes in 1840 and that was run from 1855 to 1867 by Holmes, Reynolds & Co. This firm was succeeded by S. C. Reynolds & Co., who continued the plant until 1879 when

Rockwell Keeney secured it, and, with his four sons, George E., Lafayette, Oscar and Mayo, formed the firm of R. Keeney & Sons.

This was the first step in the development of the mill property into an important factor in the textile field. A specialty was made of men's wear woollens, overcoatings and suitings, the equipment was thoroughly overhauled and put into perfect condition, other buildings were erected, the water power arranged to the best advantage and the force of employees increased from time to time. The plant continued in operation under this firm name from 1879 to 1883, when the name was changed to The Somersville Manufacturing Company, a Connecticut private corporation with these officials: Rockwell Keeney, president; Lafayette Keeney, vice-president; George E. Keeney, treasurer. George E. Keeney re-



KEENEY'S NEW DAM BEING CONSTRUCTED

tained the treasurership until his father's death in 1901, when he was also made president of the company, the position which he holds today. The present officials of the company, besides President Keeney, are Lafayette Keeney, vice-president;

Ralph D. Keeney, secretary; R. Leland Keeney, treasurer.

The mill property now consists of a tract of land a mile in length and half a mile wide, three big mill structures and a dozen smaller buildings, with about 75 tenements and ample water power, while 300 residents of the town are given employment. Mr. Lafayette Keeney has recently purchased the Scitico plant of the Hazard Powder Company and is constructing a new dam which will provide 300 h. p. to be used at the mills of The Somersville Manufacturing Company by electric transmission.

General Keeney served two terms in the state senate, 1888-1890 and 1892-1894, and was also a member of the Constitutional convention in 1902, and in 1898-1899 was on the staff of Governor Cook, with the rank of paymaster general. He was president of the Hartford Life Insurance Company from 1899 until 1911.

Although sought after by many of the large industrial corporations to take an interest in their affairs, General Keeney and his brothers have steadfastly refused to scatter their interests, believing that it is wiser to concentrate one's efforts and avoid all unnecessary responsibility and risk.

They believe, too, in giving the younger men an opportunity and for this reason they have provided every facility for the advancement of the young men of the family. The three sons of Lafayette Keeney, Ralph D., R. Leland and George L., are now

interested in the mill and are being trained for the active management of it. General Keeney's son, Raymond G., and his son-in-law, Lewis E. Gordon, until last month were connected with him in the insurance business.

Manufacturing business, however, proved unattractive for Mayo Keeney, one of the three sons of the founder of the firm, and he gave it up in 1903 to start a large dairy farm which already has become one of the best known farms in New England. With 60 cows, a farm equipment that is a model for cleanliness and every modern facility for the work, Mr. Keeney and his four children are happy with the life in the open. The milk from this farm is tested each week for purity, and sells at ten cents a quart every day in the year. It tests fully 60 per cent. purer than the milk usually sold by farmers, and for this reason is ordered by physicians for delicate children.

Mayo Keeney has served his town in the state legislature, being twice sent to the house and once to the senate, and he is now one of the county commissioners.

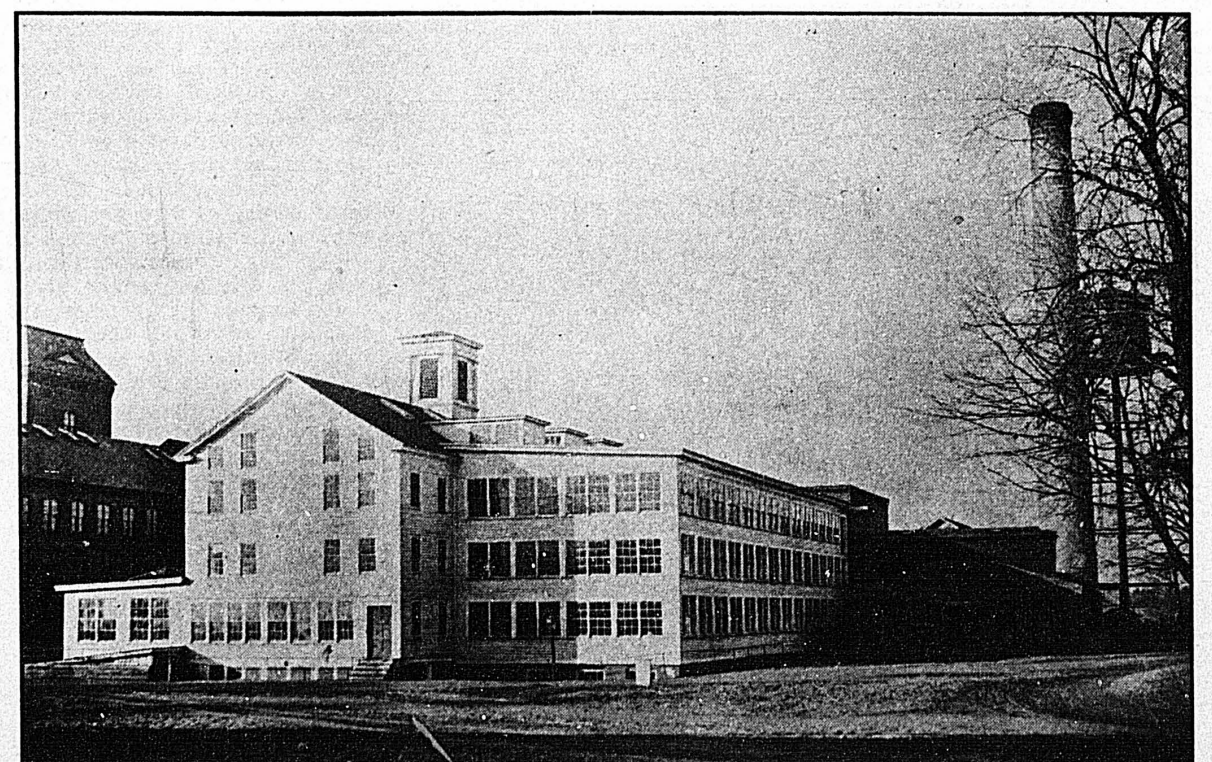
General Keeney has a beautiful home near the mill, and across the street is that of his brother, Lafayette. The daughter of General Keeney is the wife of Lewis Gordon, son of Andrew Gordon of Hazardville.

June 1 of this year General Keeney, in accordance with plans made a year ago, resigned from the presidency of the Hartford Life Insurance Company, and during the past month announcement was made of the organization by him of the Texas Orchards Company, with a capitalization of \$1,500,000. The company will go extensively into the orange growing business in south Texas, thirty thousand acres in the Chocolate Bayou country near Houston having been purchased. The company is now actively engaged in developing this tract with reference to production of oranges.

Major Lewis E. Gordon, former vice-president of the Hartford Life, is interested heavily with General Keeney. General William H. Patterson of Dallas, Texas, says that the Connecticut capitalists went to that state at his instance, becoming interested eventually in the orange region in south Texas. Considerable interest attaches there to the formation of the new company, it being stated that it is the largest venture of eastern capital thus far into the fruit region of the state.



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